accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

i. Identify the document by the docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).

ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.

iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns, and suggest alternatives.

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

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

II. Docket ID Numbers

When submitting comments, please use the docket ID number assigned to the pesticide petition.

PP Number	Docket ID Number
PP 5E6903	EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0481
PP 6F7061	EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0993

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is printing a summary of pesticide petitions received under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a, proposing the establishment or amendment of regulations in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities. EPA has determined that these pesticide petitions contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in FFDCA section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the pesticide petitions. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on these pesticide petitions.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 180.7(f), a summary of the petitions included in this notice, prepared by the petitioner along with a description of the analytical method available for the detection and measurement of the pesticide chemical residues is available on-line at *http://www.regulations.gov*. To locate this information on the regulations.gov website follow these steps:

• Select ''Advanced Search,'' then ''Docket Search.''

• In the ''Docket ID'' field, typethe docket ID number in the following form: ''OPP–year–docket number'' (example: OPP–2005–9999); do not include ''EPA–HQ'' in the docket ID number.

• Click the ''Submit'' button.

• Once the search locates the docket, click on the docket ID number to open the docket.

New Tolerance

1. *PP 5E6903*. (Docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0481). Valent U.S.A. Corporation, 1600 Riviera Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94596–8025, proposes to establish an import tolerance for residues of the fungicide fluopicolide in or on the food commodities grape, juice, and grape, wine at 2.0 parts per million (ppm), and the processed commodity grape, raisin at 9.0 ppm. In plant commodities, the analytical method included the combined residues of fluopicolide, 2,6-dichlorobenzamide and 3-chloro-5-trifluoromethylnicotinic acid, all calculated as fluopicolide. These residues were determined by liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry/mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS). Extraction efficiency testing has shown that the residues of concern are extracted effectively by the method even after storage. Stability testing has shown the parent compound and the metabolites to be stable during storage for up to 24 months. Contact: Janet Whitehurst; telephone number: (703) 305–6129; e-mail address:*whitehurst.janet@epa.gov*.

2. *PP 6F7061*. (Docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0993). Dow AgroSciences LLC, 9330 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, proposes to establish a tolerance for residues of the herbicide florasulam in or on the food commodities wheat, barley, oat, rye, triticale (grain) at 0.01 ppm and wheat, barley, oat, rye, triticale (forage, hay, and straw) at 0.05 ppm. Gas chromatography and mass selective detection (GC-MSD) is use to measure and evaluate the chemical residues. Contact: Hope Johnson, telephone number: (703) 305–5410; e-mail address: *johnson.hope@epa.gov*.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Feed additives, Food additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

Lois Rossi,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0689; FRL–8088–7]

Issuance of Experimental Use Permits

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has granted experimental use permits (EUPs) to the following pesticide applicants. 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: Mike Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 308–8715; e-mail address: *mendelsohn.mike@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 a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0689. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at *http://www.regulations.gov*, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of

Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility 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*.

II. EUP

EPA has issued the following EUPs:

524–EUP–97. Issuance. Monsanto Co., 800 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63167. This EUP allows the use of 165,700 lbs of corn seed containing the following plant-incorporated protectants (PIPs) in the amounts specified: 0.47 lbs of the Bacillus thuringiensis Cry1A.105 protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (vector PV-ZMIR245) in Event MON 89034 corn, 0.41 lbs of the Bacillus thuringiensis Cry2Ab2 protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (vector PV-ZMIR245) in Event MON 89034 corn, and 1.49 lbs of the Bacillus thuringiensis Cry3Bb1 protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (vector ZMIR39) in Event MON 88017 corn. This EUP allows the use of this seed on 1,356 acres MON 89034 corn; 363 acres MON 88017 corn; 617 acres MON 89034 x MON 88017 corn; and 461 acres non-Bt corn for 2006–2007, and 3,541 acres MON 89034 corn; 1,298 acres MON 88017 corn; 1,110 acres MON 89034 x MON 88017 corn; and 531 acres non-Bt corn for 2007–2008. Eight trial protocols will be conducted, including:

- Breeding and observation nursery.
- Inbred seed increase production.
- Line per se hybrid yield and herbicide tolerance trials.
- Insect efficacy trials.
- Product characterization and performance trials.
- Insect resistance management trials.
- Benefit assessment trials.
- Seed treatment trials.

The program is authorized only in the States of Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. The EUP is effective from June 29, 2005 to June 30, 2008, along with associated activities such as collection of field data and harvesting and processing of seed after last planting.

Temporary and permanent exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance have been established for residues of the active ingredients in or on all corn commodities. One comment from a private citizen was received in response to the notice of receipt for this permit application, which was published in the **Federal Register** on May 26, 2006 (71 FR 30403) (FRL–8066–8). The private citizen indicated that she does not favor genetically engineered corn and expressed the viewpoint that the permittee should be required to request permission from neighbors prior to testing. The commenter also expressed concern about the mechanics of submitting comments via the *http://www.regulations.gov* site for the notice of receipt. The Agency understands the commenter's concerns and recognizes that some individuals believe that genetically modified crops and food should be banned completely. Nonetheless, under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Agency is tasked with reviewing applications for EUPs for any pesticide, including PIPs, and granting such applications to the extent that the conditions of FIFRA section 5, and the regulations thereunder, have been met (subject to such terms and conditions as the Agency determines are warranted). In this instance, EPA has determined that the relevant statutory and regulatory conditions have been met. In addition, there is nothing in FIFRA or in the Agency's regulations enacted thereunder that compels, and EPA does not otherwise require, a permittee to notify neighbors prior to testing as suggested. Finally, the Agency understands some of the adjustments needed to use the new electronic docketing system. One tip that should help in the future is that when commenting on notices of receipt, commenters should either choose ''Notices'' or ''All Document Types'' in the ''Document Type'' box. If ''Proposed Rules,'' ''Rules,'' or ''Other'' are selected, ''Notices'' will not be selected in the search.

67979–EUP–4. Amendment/Extension. Syngenta Seeds, Inc., P.O. Box 12257, 3054 East Cornwallis Rd., Research Triangle Park, NC 27709–2257. This EUP allows the use of 50,420 lbs MIR604 and Bt11 corn seed containing the following PIPs in the amounts specified: A combined 0.0454 lbs of modified Cry3A Bacillus thuringiensis protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (via elements of pZM26) in Event MIR604 corn (SYN-IR6Ø4-5) and Bt11 Bacillus thuringiensis Cry1Ab delta-endotoxin and the genetic material necessary for its production (plasmid vector pZ01502) in corn. This EUP allows the use of this seed on 2,300 acres MIR604 modified Cry3A corn, 670 acres Bt11 Cry1Ab corn, 965 acres MIR604 x Bt11 corn, and 2,959 acres non-Bt corn. Five trial protocols will be conducted, including:

- Breeding and observation.
- Efficacy evaluation.
- Agronomic observation.
- Inbred and hybrid production.
- Regulatory studies.

The program is authorized only in the States of California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, New Mexico, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. The EUP is effective from March 2, 2006 to February 28, 2007, along with associated activities such as collection of field data and harvesting and processing of seed after last planting.

Temporary and permanent exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance have been established for residues of the active ingredients in or on all corn commodities. Three identical comments from a private citizen and one comment from a grower association were received in response to the notice of receipt for this permit application, which was published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 2006 (71 FR 4141) (FRL–7757–7). The private citizen indicated that she does not favor genetically engineered corn, opposed testing under this EUP except in fully enclosed greenhouses, and expressed the viewpoint that the permittee should be required to request permission from neighbors prior to testing. The Agency understands the commenter's concerns and recognizes that some individuals believe that genetically modified crops and food should be banned completely. Nonetheless, under FIFRA, the Agency is tasked with reviewing applications for EUPs for any pesticide, including PIPs, and granting such applications to the extent that the conditions of FIFRA section 5, and the regulations thereunder, have been met (subject to such terms and conditions as the Agency determines are warranted). In this instance, EPA has determined that the relevant statutory and regulatory conditions have been met. In addition, there is nothing in FIFRA or in the Agency's regulations enacted thereunder that compels, and EPA does not otherwise require, a permittee to notify neighbors prior to testing as

suggested. Finally although certain containment provisions were required per the experimental program, the Agency did not require testing to be conducted in fully enclosed greenhouses because such a requirement was not necessary to mitigate risk. In contrast to the comments from the private citizen, the grower association requested that the Agency expeditiously grant the EUP and stated their position that agricultural biotechnology in many cases helps reduce the use of chemicals, improves profits, and preserves the environment. They also mentioned the benefit to insect resistance management that the material being tested under this EUP is intended to bring.

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

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Experimental use permits.

Dated: January 12, 2007.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8271–9; Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2006–0868]

Metabolically-Derived Human Ventilation Rates: A Revised Approach Based Upon Oxygen Consumption Rates

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a 30-day public comment period for the draft document titled, ''Metabolically-Derived Human Ventilation Rates: A Revised Approach Based Upon Oxygen Consumption Rates'' (EPA/600/R–06/129A). The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD).

In 1997, NCEA published the Exposure Factors Handbook. This comprehensive document provides summaries of available statistical data on various factors that can impact an individual's exposure to environmental contaminants. NCEA maintains the Exposure Factors Handbook and periodically updates the document using current literature and other reliable data made available through research. Many program offices within EPA rely on the data from this handbook to conduct their exposure and risk assessments.

One important determinant of a person's exposure to contaminants in air is the ventilation rate, or the volume of air that is inhaled by an individual in a specified time period. Ventilation rates, also known as breathing or inhalation rates, are given in Chapter 5 of the Exposure Factors Handbook. Calculations of the currently recommended ventilation rates were limited by their dependence on a ''ventilatory equivalent,'' which relied on a person's fitness level. This draft report, ''Metabolically-Derived Human Ventilation Rates: A Revised Approach Based Upon Oxygen Consumption Rates,'' presents a revised approach that calculates ventilation rates directly from an individual's oxygen consumption rate, and applies this method to data provided from more recent sources, such as the 1999–2002 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) and EPA's Consolidated Human Activity Database (CHAD). In the next edition of the Exposure Factors Handbook, NCEA would like to update the ventilation rate values using this revised approach and the more recently released data.

EPA is releasing the draft, ''Metabolically-Derived Human Ventilation Rates: A Revised Approach Based Upon Oxygen Consumption Rates,'' solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

DATES: The 30-day public comment period begins January 24, 2007, and ends February 23, 2007. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by February 23, 2007. In a subsequent **Federal Register** notice EPA will announce the details of an external peer review meeting that will be conducted via teleconference.

ADDRESSES: The draft, ''Metabolically-Derived Human Ventilation Rates: A Revised Approach Based Upon Oxygen Consumption Rates,'' is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at *http://www.epa.gov/ncea.* A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff, NCEA–W; telephone: 202–564–3261; facsimile: 202–565–0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, ''Metabolically-Derived Human Ventilation Rates: A Revised Approach Based Upon Oxygen Consumption Rates'' (EPA/600/R–06/129A).

Comments may be submitted electronically via *www.regulations.gov,* by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202–566–1752; facsimile: 202–566–1753; or e-mail: *ORD.Docket@epa.gov.*

For technical information, contact Laurie Schuda, NCEA; telephone: 202–564–3206; facsimile: 202–564–2018; or e-mail: *schuda.laurie@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at www.regulations.gov

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD 2006–0868 by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.*
- *Fax:* 202–566–1753.
- *Mail:* Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202–566–1752.
- *Hand Delivery:* The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, Room 3334, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202–566–1744. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an