

measures, including data and equations to aid users in estimating capital costs for installation and annual costs for operation and maintenance of these measures. The Control Cost Manual is used by the EPA for estimating the impacts of rulemakings, and serves as a basis for sources to estimate costs of controls that are Best Available Control Technology under the New Source Review Permitting Program and Best Available Retrofit Technology under the Regional Haze Program and for other programs.

The two Control Cost Manual chapters that have been revised include “Chapter 1—Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction” and “Chapter 2—Selective Catalytic Reduction.” These two chapters are the first two chapters to be released for the Seventh Edition of the Control Cost Manual and replace the Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction and Selective Catalytic Reduction chapters in the current Control Cost Manual Sixth Edition. A response to comment (RTC) document summarizing comments and agency responses is available for each chapter. In addition, cost calculation information is provided electronically for each chapter enabling estimation of costs for installing and operating NOx control measures. The final chapters, RTC and cost calculation documents are available at https://www3.epa.gov/ttn/ecas/cost_manual.html. In addition, all public comments received by the agency are available in the docket for this Notice of Availability (EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0341).

The Control Cost Manual was last updated in 2003. The development of the Control Cost Manual Seventh Edition is in response to the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014, which requested that the EPA begin development of a seventh edition of the Control Cost Manual.

Dated: June 8, 2016.

Stephen Page,

Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0265; FRL-9947-64-OAR]

EPA’s Review of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant’s Biennial Environmental Compliance Report for the Period 2012 to 2014

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the Department of Energy’s (DOE) most recent Biennial Environmental Compliance Report (BECR) for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP), covering the period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014. Section 9(a)(2) of the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act requires the DOE to submit documentation to the EPA of the WIPP’s continued compliance with designated federal laws pertaining to public health and safety or the environment. The Secretary of Energy was notified that the EPA had completed its review via a letter from EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy dated June 3, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nick Stone, WIPP Project Officer, Mail Code 6PD-O, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202. Nick Stone may be reached by telephone at (214) 665-7226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0265; FRL-9947-64-OAR. Docket materials are publicly available either electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Air and Radiation Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room 3334, 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, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket is (202) 566-1742. As provided in EPA’s regulations at 40 CFR part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, if copies of any docket materials are requested, a

reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying.

2. *Electronic Access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the “**Federal Register**” listings at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

II. Background

The EPA conducted this review under the authority of Section 9 of the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act (WIPP LWA, Pub. L. Nos. 102-579 and 104-201). Section 9(a)(1) of the WIPP LWA requires that, as of the date of the enactment of the WIPP LWA, the DOE shall comply with respect to the WIPP with (1) regulations for the management and storage of radioactive waste (40 CFR part 191, subpart A); (2) the Clean Air Act; (3) the Solid Waste Disposal Act; (4) the Safe Drinking Water Act; (5) the Toxic Substances Control Act; (6) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; and (7) all other applicable Federal laws pertaining to public health and safety or the environment. Section 9(a)(2) of the WIPP LWA requires the DOE biennially to submit to the EPA documentation of continued compliance with the laws, regulations, and permit requirements set forth in Section 9(a)(1).

As outlined in the EPA’s letter to the Secretary of Energy, the Agency has been able to conclude its review of the WIPP BECR for the reporting period, April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014 based on receipt of all cumulative documentation from DOE and the Settlement Agreement between the State of New Mexico and the Department. EPA will consider the DOE’s compliance with the Settlement Agreement as part of its review of the Department’s compliance for the next reporting period, from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2016, and subsequent reporting periods as appropriate. The Agency will continue its oversight of the WIPP and continue to work cooperatively with the DOE, the State of New Mexico and the public to ensure that the WIPP is protective of human health and the environment. All relevant information related to this review—including this notice and the letter to the Secretary of Energy—are available online via the WIPP news Web site (<https://www.epa.gov/radiation/wipp-news>) and the aforementioned docket on www.regulations.gov (EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0265).

This determination is not in any way related to, or a part of, the EPA’s certification and recertification decisions regarding whether the WIPP complies with the Agency’s disposal

regulations for transuranic radioactive waste at 40 CFR part 191.

Dated: June 3, 2016.

Gina McCarthy,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0814; FRL-9946-13]

Pesticides; Draft Guidance for Pesticide Registrants on the Determination of Minor Use

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Agency is announcing the availability of and seeking public comment on a draft Pesticide Registration Notice (PR Notice) entitled “Determination of Minor Use under Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), section 2(II).” PR Notices are issued by the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to inform pesticide registrants and other interested persons about important policies, procedures, and registration related decisions, and serve to provide guidance to pesticide registrants and OPP personnel. This draft PR Notice would update section 5 of PR Notice 97-2 and provide guidance to the registrant as to how the EPA determines a “minor use.” EPA seeks to identify and encourage the registration of pesticides for minor uses to protect communities from harmful pests. This draft PR Notice revises the method used by EPA for evaluating “sufficient economic incentive” under FIFRA. The draft PR Notice explains how qualitative information may be used to inform the quantitative analysis, interpret the results, and clarifies that the most recent United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Census of Agriculture is the appropriate source for data on acreage in the United States to establish a minor use under the acreage definition in FIFRA 2(II)(1).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 15, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0814, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI)

or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Derek Berwald, Biological and Economic Analysis Division, MC 7503P, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8115; email address: berwald.derek@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are responsible for the initial or continuing registration of pesticides. Entities that register pesticides with EPA’s Office of Pesticide Programs typically fall under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 325300—Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing. This action may also be of interest to persons using pesticides on sites that may be considered “minor” including persons engaged in crop and livestock production, and persons engaged in pest control in residential, commercial, and municipal areas including control of public health pests, and to the public in general. Since many entities may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a

copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

C. *How can I get copies of this document and other related information?*

A copy of the draft PR Notice is available in the docket under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0814.

II. What guidance does this PR notice provide?

FIFRA defines a minor use of a pesticide as either (1) a use on a crop grown on 300,000 acres or less in the United States or (2) a use that lacks sufficient economic incentive to seek or maintain a registration but has private or social value. This draft PR Notice provides guidance to the registrant concerning the method used to determine if a use site is a “minor use” as defined by FIFRA 2(II). In particular, the draft PR Notice describes the method for determining if the use “does not provide sufficient economic incentive.” To date, EPA’s interpretation of *economic* minor use in section 2(II)(2) has been shaped by guidance provided in PR Notice 97-2. However, the approach outlined in PR Notice 97-2 ignores critical factors that influence the incentives for registration.

This draft PR Notice describes the revised approach to evaluate “sufficient economic incentive” which addresses these factors. It explicitly considers (1) the difference in time between incurring costs of generating data for registration and obtaining revenue from product sales, (2) the multiple years over which revenue is generated, and (3) the costs of producing and distributing the product. The draft PR Notice provides suggestions about the data that can be used to conduct the analysis. Finally, the draft PR Notice explains how qualitative information may be used to inform the quantitative analysis and interpret the results. It also clarifies that the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture is the appropriate source for data on acreage in the United States to establish a minor use under the acreage definition in FIFRA section 2(II)(1).

Registrants will typically seek to demonstrate a site is a minor use in the context of requesting an extension of the