

the blood-lead screening effort; efforts to be used to ensure patient confidentiality; and a description of how the CLIA standards will be met.

- *Inspection/risk assessment of tribal housing.* The proposal will be evaluated on the description of residential/child occupied properties that will undergo lead-based paint inspection and/or risk assessment; the selection criteria used to identify the properties; the description of methods used to reach tribal population regarding lead paint inspections and/or risk assessment efforts; the description of inspection, risk assessment, and sampling and analysis procedures; the qualifications of inspection personnel; and the description of reporting procedures. All inspections and risk assessments must be conducted according to the work practice standards found in 40 CFR 745.227 or those of an authorized tribal program.

- *Paint, dust, and soil testing.* The grant proposal evaluation will be based on the description of the sampling, collection, handling, and analysis activities; the description of the data that will be collected, tracked, and reported to EPA; the quality control measures implemented, and a description of how NLLAP-recognized laboratories will be used for analysis.

- *Training.* Use of EPA accredited training providers or training providers approved by an EPA authorized State or tribe for risk assessments and inspections and use of inspectors and/or risk assessors certified by EPA or by an EPA authorized State or tribe.

- iii. *Project management (30 points).* The grant proposal will be evaluated based on the description of the staff positions, roles and responsibilities, and their qualifications. The following elements will also be evaluated: Resumes of key personnel; tribal experience in or potential to conduct activities such as those described in the "Inspection/Risk Assessment of Tribal Housing," and "Paint, Dust, and Soil Testing" sections; previous experience managing similar projects; and availability of references; access to properly trained staff and facilities to conduct the project; schedule for completing the project; and the extent of activities to be performed by a contractor.

- iv. *Budget (10 points plus 5 bonus points).* The evaluation will be based on the extent to which the proposed budget is reasonable, clear, and consistent with the intended use of the funds. Although matching funds are not required, up to five bonus points will be given to grant proposals indicating financial

contributions and/or in-kind services provided to the project.

L. Selection Notification and Application Requirements

Once proposals have been reviewed and evaluated, the contact person for the Tribe or Tribal consortium (as identified in the proposal) will receive notification from EPA in writing regarding the outcome of the competition. If proposals are selected, additional forms (such as Standard Form SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance) for grant application will be required to be submitted to EPA. The specific information will be provided in the written notification from EPA. In addition, successful applicants will be required to certify that they have not been debarred or suspended from participation in Federal assistance awards in accordance with 40 CFR part 32. The application forms are available on line at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm>. These forms should not be submitted with the proposals.

V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Section 10 of TSCA, as supplemented by Public Law 106-74, authorizes EPA to award grants for the purpose of conducting research, development, monitoring, education, training, demonstrations, and studies necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act. Presently, these funds are not eligible for use in a Performance Partnership Agreement. The CFDA number is 66.715 (Childhood Blood-Lead Screening and Lead Awareness Outreach for Indian Tribes). Executive Order 12372, *Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs*, does not apply to this assistance program since grant proposals will be submitted in lieu of comments on developing this program.

VI. Congressional Review Act

Grant solicitations such as this are considered rules for the purpose of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in

the **Federal Register**. This is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Grants-Indians, Indians, Native Americans, Lead, Lead-Based Paint, Maternal and child health.

Dated: April 20, 2004.

Margaret Schneider,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Telephone Conference Call of the World Trade Center Expert Technical Review Panel To Continue Evaluation on Issues Relating to Impacts of the Collapse of the World Trade Center Towers

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The World Trade Center Expert Technical Review Panel will hold a telephone conference call to provide for greater input on ongoing efforts to monitor the situation for New York residents and workers impacted by the collapse of the World Trade Center. The individual panel members will help guide the EPA's use of the available exposure and health surveillance databases and registries to characterize any remaining exposures and risks, identify unmet public health needs, and recommend any steps to further minimize the risks associated with the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks. The panel will meet several times over the course of approximately two years, and these panel meetings will be open to the public, except where the public interest requires otherwise. Information on the panel meeting agendas, documents (except where the public interest requires otherwise), and public registration to attend the meetings will be available from an Internet Web site. EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0003. Instructions for the dial-in telephone conference call are in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The telephone conference call of this panel will be held on May 12, 2004,

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., eastern daylight savings time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For call information, please see the Web site <http://www.epa.gov/wtc/panel> or contact Sarah Bauer by telephone at (202) 564-3267 or by e-mail at bauer.sarah@epa.gov. The meeting agenda will be posted on the Web site and EDOCKET and will also be available in hard copy. For further information only regarding the technical panel, contact Michael Brown at (202) 564-6766 or brown.michael@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Call Information

The meeting proceedings can be heard live by following these instructions for the dial-in telephone conference call:

1. Dial 1-800-341-3088 and follow the voice prompt.
2. At the voice prompt, enter the Conference Code 1646347 and the # key.
3. You will be connected to the conference.
4. If you are disconnected for any reason, you can dial 1-800-341-3088 and enter Conference Code 1646347 # to continue with the conference or call the Conference Center at 1-800-574-3456 for further assistance.

Playback Instructions

The conference call will be recorded. To listen to the recording:

1. Dial 1-800-756-3819 after 2 p.m. eastern daylight savings time on May 12th.
2. At the voice prompt, press 162137 followed by the # key.
3. The conference will then be played back to you over the phone.

The nine digits on your keypad will allow you to control the playback:

1. Slow Rewind;
2. Increase volume;
3. Slow Forward;
4. Medium Rewind;
5. Pause On/Off;
6. Medium Forward;
7. Fast Rewind;
8. Decrease Volume; and
9. Fast Forward.

II. Background Information

Immediately following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on New York City's World Trade Center, many Federal agencies, including the EPA, were called upon to focus their technical and scientific expertise on the national emergency. EPA, other Federal agencies, New York City, and New York State public health and environmental authorities focused on numerous cleanup, dust collection and ambient air monitoring activities to ameliorate and better understand the human health

impacts of the disaster. Detailed information concerning the environmental monitoring activities that were conducted as part of this response is available at the EPA Response to 9-11 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/wtc/>.

In addition to environmental monitoring, EPA efforts also included toxicity testing of the dust on laboratory mice, as well as the development of a human exposure and health risk assessment. This risk assessment document, Exposure and Human Health Evaluation of Airborne Pollution from the World Trade Center Disaster (<http://www.epa.gov/ncea/wtc.htm>), has been subjected to public comment and expert peer review, and is currently undergoing revisions prior to finalization. Numerous additional studies by other Federal and State agencies, universities, and other organizations have documented impacts to both the outdoor and indoor environments, and to human health.

While these monitoring and assessment activities were ongoing, and the cleanup at Ground Zero itself was occurring, EPA began planning for a program to clean and monitor residential apartments. From June 2002 until December 2002, residents impacted by World Trade Center dust and debris in an area of about 1 mile by 1 mile south of Canal Street were eligible to request federally funded cleaning and monitoring for airborne asbestos or only monitoring of their residences. The cleanup continued into the summer of 2003, by which time the EPA had cleaned and monitored 3400 apartments and monitored an additional 800 apartments. Detailed information on this portion of the EPA response is also available at <http://www.epa.gov/wtc/>.

A critical component of understanding long-term human health impacts is the establishment of health registries. The World Trade Center Health Registry is a comprehensive and confidential health survey of those most directly exposed to the contamination resulting from the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. It is intended to give health professionals a better picture of the health consequences of 9/11. It was established by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDHMH), in cooperation with a number of academic institutions, public agencies and community groups. Detailed information about the registry can be obtained from the registry Web site at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wtc/index.html>.

In order to obtain individual advice on the effectiveness of these programs, unmet needs and data gaps, the EPA has convened a technical panel of experts who have been involved with World Trade Center assessment activities. Dr. Paul Gilman, EPA Science Advisor, serves as Chair of the panel, and Dr. Paul Liyo, Professor of Environmental and Community Medicine at the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School-UMDNJ and Rutgers University, serves as Vice Chair. A full list of the panel members and a charge statement and operating principles for the panel are available from the panel Web site listed above. Panel meetings will each be one-day meetings, and they will occur over the course of approximately a two-year period. Panel members will provide individual advice on issues the panel addresses. These meetings will occur in New York City and nearby locations. All of the meetings will be announced on the Web site and by a **Federal Register** Notice, and they will be open to the public for attendance and also to provide brief oral comment. The focus of the phone call is to discuss a draft sampling program to evaluate the incidence of contamination in apartments around the World Trade Center site. Future meetings will address planned activities by EPA regarding monitoring, assessment and health registries. Further information on these meetings can be found at the Web site identified earlier: <http://www.epa.gov/wtc/panel>.

III. How To Get Information on E-DOCKET

EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0003. 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 Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the Headquarters EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West Building, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. 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 OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752; facsimile: (202) 566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

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. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

Dated: April 23, 2004.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0128; FRL-7357-5]

Biotechnology Notification; Receipt of Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an Biotechnology Notification from West Virginia University requesting review of a small-scale field test for genetically modified *Cryphonectria parasitica* (Chestnut tree blight fungus). The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2004-0128, must be received on or before May 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William R. Schneider, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 703-308-8683; e-mail address: schneider.william@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct small-scale field testing of genetically modified microbial pesticides under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, 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 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-2004-0128. 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. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets. Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is

restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA's electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. 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. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA's electronic public docket.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the