

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0096; FRL-7351-7]

The Association of American Pesticide Control Officials/State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group; Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal; Notice of Public Meeting**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO)/ State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG); Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal (WC/WQPD), will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on April 26, 2004, and ending April 27, 2004. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 26, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Georgia A. McDuffie, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 605-0195; fax number: (703) 308-1850; e-mail address: mcduffie.georgia@epa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information***A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are interested in SFIREG information exchange relationship with EPA regarding important issues related to human health, environmental exposure to pesticides, and insight into EPA's decision-making process. All persons are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and participate as appropriate. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances 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-2004-0096. 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 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. Tentative Agenda

This unit provides the tentative agenda for the meeting.

1. Committee review of WQ/DP issue papers.
 - a. Response letter to shallow ground water definition.

- b. Surface water monitoring support/funding (Minnesota).

2. National Pesticide Surveillance Alliance (NPSA) pilot project presentations (part 1 and part 2).

3. A 2005-2007 cooperative grant guidance presentation and discussion.

4. Label review manual and disposal language issue team report.

5. Registrations review SOP status and handling of CBI.

6. United States Geological Survey (USGS) InterAgency grant update and State cooperative projects.

7. Open forum.

8. Atrazine IRED presentation.

9. State reports and Florida metals investigation report.

10. Endangered species and surface water.

11. Office of Pesticide Programs and the Office of Water risk assessment methods.

12. EPA update/briefing.

- a. Office of Pesticide Programs update.

- b. Office of Enforcement Compliance Assurance update.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 24, 2004.

Jay S. Ellenberger,

Associate Director, Field External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0397; FRL-7350-9]

Molinate; Cancellation Order**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, the Agency is issuing a cancellation order announcing its approval of the requests submitted by Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., and Helm Agro U.S. Inc., to amend and voluntarily cancel the registrations of all of their products containing S-ethyl hexahydro-1H-azepine-1-carbothioate (molinate) effective June 30, 2008. Any distribution, sale or use of the products subject to this cancellation order is only permitted in accordance with the terms of the existing stocks provisions of this cancellation order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wilhelmina Livingston, Special Review

and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8025; fax number: (703) 308-8041; e-mail address: livingston.wilhelmena@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 persons who produce or use 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 notice, 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-2003-0397. 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), Room 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4501. 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.

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facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This notice announces that EPA is approving the cancellation order requests, from Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., and Helm Agro U.S. Inc., to cancel the registration of 14 pesticide products registered under section 3 or 24(c) of FIFRA. These 14 registrations constitute all registrations held by Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., and Helm Agro U.S. Inc., of products containing S-ethyl hexahydro-1H-azepine-1-carbothioate (molinate). These requests are submitted pursuant to section 6(f) of FIFRA. In addition, EPA is approving requests from Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., and Helm Agro U.S. to amend the registrations for these products for the time period prior to their cancellation.

On June 2, 2003, Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., and on August 7, 2003, Helm Agro U.S. Inc., submitted a letter to EPA requesting cancellation, effective June 30, 2008, of the registrations of all their molinate products, and to modify the terms and conditions of its molinate registration until the cancellation is effective. This order follows up a **Federal Register** notice of September 17, 2003 (68 FR 54451) (FRL-7324-7), announcing receipt of written requests by Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., and Helm Agro U.S., Inc., to voluntarily cancel their molinate product registrations. Syngenta and Helm also requested that the Administrator waive the 180-day waiting period under FIFRA section 6(f)(1)(C)(ii).

Molinate is a thiocarbamate herbicide registered for use primarily for the control of water grass in rice. Rice is grown in California and the south central/south eastern states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas. The registrations subject to the requests for cancellation are listed by registration number in Table 1 of this unit.

After considering comments received, EPA has decided to accept the voluntary cancellation requests. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing an Order in this Notice canceling the 14 registrations identified in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—APPROVED REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS

Registration Number	Product Name	Chemical
100-981	Riceco Molinate Technical	Molinate

TABLE 1.—APPROVED REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS—Continued

Registration Number	Product Name	Chemical
100-982	Riceco Touche	Molinate
100-983	Molinate 15G	Molinate
100-1021	Ordran 8-E An Emulsifiable Liquid Herbicide	Molinate
100-1036	Arrosolo 3-3E	Molinate
100-1039	Ordran 15-G	Molinate
100-1040	Ordran Technical Herbicide	Molinate
100-1102	Ordran 15-GM Rice Herbicide	Molinate
74530-7	Molinate Technical	Molinate
CA77015900	Ordran 8-E An Emulsifiable Liquid Herbicide	Molinate
CA84017200	Ordran 8-E An Emulsifiable Liquid Herbicide	Molinate
CA85005300	Ordran 8-E An Emulsifiable Liquid Herbicide	Molinate
TX81002600	Ordran 8-E Emulsifiable Liquid Herbicide	Molinate
TN93000700	Ordran 15-G	Molinate

Table 2 of this unit includes the name and address of record for the registrants of the products in Table 1 of this unit, in sequence by EPA company number:

TABLE 2.—REGISTRANTS REQUESTING VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION

Company Number	Company Name and Address
100	Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. P.O. Box 18300 Greensboro, NC 27419-8300
74530	Helm Agro U.S., Inc. Nordkanalstrasse 28 D-20097 Hamburg, Germany

III. Cancellation Order

Pursuant to section 6(f) of FIFRA, EPA hereby approves the requested cancellations of molinate product registrations identified in Table 1 of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency orders that the molinate product registrations identified in Table 1 are hereby canceled as of June 30, 2008.

IV. Modification of the Terms and Conditions of the Molinate Registrations

The 2002 sales level of the molinate active ingredient will be the maximum amount that Syngenta and Helm will sell or distribute in 2004, 2005, and 2006. Syngenta and Helm will not sell or distribute any more than 75% of the 2002 sales levels in the year 2007, and sell or distribute more than 50% of the 2002 sales levels in the year 2008.

Syngenta and Helm will provide annual production/sales reports to the Agency beginning in the year 2004 through 2009. Syngenta and Helm will also provide inventory reports for the years 2007, 2008, and 2009. These reports will be submitted by September 30 of each year to the Agency's Chemical Review Manager for molinate.

Failure by either registrant to comply with the sale or distribution limits contained in the molinate registration constitutes grounds for immediate cancellation of the registration without opportunity for a hearing.

V. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

Section (6)(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registration be canceled. FIFRA further provides that before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**. Thereafter, the Administrator may approve such a request.

VI. What Comments Did the Agency Receive?

EPA received two sets of comments on the voluntary cancellation requests for molinate products during the comment period. The commenters, Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA) and Natural Resource and Defense Council (NRDC) strongly support the cancellation of molinate, but are concerned that the proposed phase-out is too long and will permit ongoing environmental and human health harm for many years. Further, they were concerned that the Agency is not requiring risk mitigation during the phase-out period to address exposure to molinate in ambient air.

EPA believes the voluntary agreement achieves more timely risk mitigation than would have been achieved through a regulatory process. In addition, under FIFRA, where the Agency must look at risks and benefits of a pesticide, it is not certain that the result of reregistration would have been cancellation. EPA's detailed responses to PANNA and NRDC comments may be found in the docket listed in Unit I.B1.

VII. Provisions for Disposition of Existing Stocks

For purposes of this Cancellation Order, the term "existing stocks" is defined, pursuant to EPA's existing stocks policy (56 FR 29362, June 26, 1991), as those stocks of a registered pesticide product which are currently in the United States and which have been packaged, labeled and released for shipment prior to the effective date of the cancellation order. The existing stocks provisions of this cancellation order are as follows:

The cancellation of these registrations has an effective date of June 30, 2008. After that date, Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., and Helm Agro U.S. Inc., may not sell or distribute any molinate products except as detailed in the cancellation order. Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., and Helm Agro U.S. Inc., will be permitted to distribute the molinate active ingredient in 2009 for the purposes of facilitating usage by August 31, 2009. No use of products containing molinate is permitted after the 2009 growing season (August 31, 2009).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: March 26, 2004.

Debra Edwards,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0058; FRL-7349-4]

Muscodor albus Strain QST 20799; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish an Exemption from Tolerance for a Certain Microbial Pesticide in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2004-0058, must be received on or before May 7, 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: Shanaz Bacchus, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8097; e-mail address: bacchus.shanaz@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 an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111)
- Animal production (NAICS code 112)
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311)
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532)

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be