

4. *Proposal Submission Deadline:* Proposals must be submitted no later

than February 4, 2004. *Please do not e-mail proposals.*

V. Proposal Review Information

1. *Criteria/Scope:*

Criteria	Points
—Effectiveness of overall work plan, including evaluation plan and time-frame, that is detailed and reasonable. Additionally, a clearly-stated detailed and appropriate budget should be included	32
—Formal program in place or experience in administering a student internship program, especially with a Federal agency or department, and experience with Federally funded grants programs. Successful applicant should have an overall familiarity with Federal government operations as well as have the ability to process stipends, a system for reporting and record keeping, and the capacity for processing and evaluating student applications. Applicants must identify and explain any adverse Federal audit findings or terminations of grants, or special terms and conditions imposed on grants within the last five (5) years	24
—Proximity of 50–100 mile radius to the Washington-Metropolitan area	12
—Formal curricula in civil, chemical, electrical engineering and industrial engineering as well as the natural and physical sciences, computer science, business and public administration. Academic departments that are developing new curricula with an emphasis in environmental engineering with courses focusing on hazardous waste management, hydrology and water resources, remediation, and renewable natural resources	32
Total points possible	100

(Note: points assigned to each criterion are the maximum number of points applicant can receive).

2. *Review and Selection Process:*

Proposals submitted to EPA headquarters will be evaluated using the defined criteria. Proposals will be reviewed in two phases—the screening phase and the evaluation phase. During the screening phase, proposals will be reviewed to be determined whether they meet the basic requirements of this document. Only those proposals that meet all of these basic requirements will enter the full evaluation phase of the review process. During the evaluation phase, proposals will be evaluated on the quality of their work plans. EPA officials, who will serve as reviewers, will conduct the screening and evaluation phases of the review process. At the conclusion of the evaluation phase, the reviewers will score work plans, on a one hundred point scale. EPA senior Agency management will consider the reviewers’ recommended rankings, along with other special considerations, such as the number of eligible students in the school’s population. EPA will ask the applicant selected by senior management to select a complete application package by March 1, 2004. We reserve the right to make no awards.

VI. Award Administration Information

Award Notices:

The recipient of a selected proposal will be notified by a separate letter saying that the proposal has been selected and that a completed application must be submitted by the due date of March 1, 2004. After the application is received, it must be reviewed and approved by EPA. The grant award signed by EPA’s Award Official is the legal document, which will be provided through postal mail or by electronic means.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by letter.

VII. Agency Contacts

Pre-application Assistance:

EPA will provide pre-application assistance by responding to all content-related questions (for example, technical questions pertaining to the EPA statutes (CERCLA and Solid Waste Disposal Act), grants management issues, or information to the Agency’s approach to evaluating or ranking applications) which are submitted to the website <http://clu-in.org/proposals/oswerintern>.

Note: Applicants are responsible for the content of their applications and pre-application assistance must not in any way provide applicants with a competitive advantage. It is for this reason that *all questions and answers can be viewed by the public on this website.*

EPA points of contact, listed on next page, may provide pre-application assistance on process-related questions, via e-mail, (for example, eligibility requirements, deadlines, proposal format, etc.). **Note:** if applicants do not have e-mail capacity, it is permissible to call points of contact. Please note that EPA points of contact may not prepare applications, share ideas with an applicant that are contained in a competing application, review and comment on draft applications, or provide any information that is not already provided in the proposal solicitation.

Note: Receiving information and assistance from EPA does not guarantee funding.

Agency Contacts:

Nancy Allinson, Project Officer, 202–566–1915 (tel), 202–566–1943 (fax), Nancy.Allinson@EPA.Gov (Eligibility/process issues).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Border 2012 National Coordinators Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Border 2012 National Coordinators Meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Secretaría del Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico’s Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico’s Secretariat of Health), the U.S. border tribes, and the environmental agencies from each of the ten U.S.-Mexico border states, will convene the Border 2012 National Coordinator’s Meeting (NCM). This National Coordinators Meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Av. Pedro Cardenas 5001 Carretera a Cd. Victoria, Matamoros, 87396, Mexico. Public meetings will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 3rd and all day on Thursday, December 4th.

The mission of Border 2012 is to protect public health and the environment in the U.S.-Mexico border region, consistent with the principles of sustainable development. The Border 2012 Program is the latest multi-year, binational planning effort to be implemented under the 1983 U.S.-Mexico Agreement on Cooperation for

the Protection and Improvement of the Environment in the Border Area (the La Paz Agreement). Border 2012 succeeds Border XXI, a five-year program that ended in 2000.

The National Coordinators Meeting is an important aspect of the Border 2012 Program. Federal-level National Coordinators from the United States and Mexico manage overall Border 2012 Program implementation and ensure cooperation and communication among all coordinating bodies. This meeting will provide an opportunity for program partners to report on their activities to each other and to the public. The 3 Policy Forums focus on Air, Water and Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste, respectively. The 3 Border-wide Workgroups focus on Environmental Health, Emergency Preparedness and Response (Joint Response Team), and Cooperative Enforcement and Compliance.

For further information on Border 2012 or the National Coordinators Meeting, please contact: EPA El Paso Border Office at 915-533-7273 or 800-334-0741 or EPA San Diego Border Office at 619-235-4765 or 800-334-0741.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Cancellation of Pesticides for Non-payment Of Year 2003 Registration Maintenance Fees

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Since the amendments of October, 1988, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) has required payment of an annual maintenance fee to keep pesticide registrations in effect. The fee due last January 15 has gone unpaid for 864 registrations. Section 4(i)(5)(G) of FIFRA provides that the Administrator may cancel these registrations by order and without a hearing; orders to cancel all 864 of these registrations have been issued within the past few days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the maintenance fee program in general, contact by mail: John Jamula, Office of Pesticide

Programs (7504C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-6426; e-mail address: jamula.john@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Important Information

A. Does this Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this notice if you are an EPA registrant with any approved product registration(s). 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 in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of Support Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and various other related documents that might be available from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

The Agency has established an official record for this Action under docket control number OPP-2003-0339. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). The official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information that is claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Room 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. Introduction

Section 4(i)(5) of FIFRA as amended in October, 1988 (Public Law 100-532), December, 1991 (Public Law 102-237), and again in August, 1996 (Public Law 104-170), requires that all pesticide registrants pay an annual registration

maintenance fee, due by January 15 of each year, to keep their registrations in effect. This requirement applies to all registrations granted under section 3 as well as those granted under section 24(c) to meet special local needs. Registrations for which the fee is not paid are subject to cancellation by order and without a hearing.

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act Amendments of 1991, Public Law 102-237, amended FIFRA to allow the Administrator to reduce or waive maintenance fees for minor agricultural use pesticides when she determines that the fee would be likely to cause significant impact on the availability of the pesticide for use. The Agency has waived the fee for 141 minor agricultural use registrations at the request of the registrants.

In fiscal year 2003, maintenance fees were collected in two billing cycles. During the first cycle, the Agency was operating under a continuing resolution which authorized the Agency to collect \$17 million. In late December 2002, all holders of either section 3 registrations or section 24(c) registrations were sent lists of their active registrations, along with forms and instructions for responding. They were asked to identify which of their registrations they wished to maintain in effect, and to calculate and remit the appropriate maintenance fees. Recipients of these initial bills were also notified that a second final bill would also be issued if the Agency's Appropriations Bill authorized collection of more than \$17 million. Most responses were received by the statutory deadline of January 15. A notice of intent to cancel was sent in mid-February to companies who did not respond and to companies who responded, but paid for less than all of their registrations.

The Agency's Appropriations Bill was passed by Congress in March, 2003. This Appropriations Bill authorized the Agency to collect \$21.5 million in maintenance fees. To collect the additional \$4.5 million, the Agency initiated a second billing in early May. Final payments were due on June 15, 2003.

Since mailing the notices, EPA has maintained a toll-free inquiry number through which the questions of affected registrants have been answered.

Maintenance fees have been paid for about 15,120 section 3 registrations, or about 93 percent of the registrations on file in December. Fees have been paid for about 2,258 section 24(c) registrations, or about 86 percent of the total on file in December. Cancellations for non-payment of the maintenance fee affect about 599 section 3 registrations