

Environmental Protection Agency

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submit a petition requesting an exemption from the notification requirements of this subpart for a specific microbial pesticide or class of microbial pesticides.

(2) *Where to submit a petition.* All petitions shall be submitted to the following location: Registration Division (7507C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

(3) *Content of petition.* Each petition shall contain the following:

(i) Name and address of petitioner and name, address, and telephone number of a person who may be contacted for further information.

(ii) Description of the exemption requested, including the specific microbial pesticide or class of microbial pesticides to be tested under the petition for exemption.

(iii) Basis for the petitioner's contention that the specific microbial pesticide or class of microbial pesticides meet the criteria of §172.3 for small-scale tests of pesticides that do not require an EUP.

(iv) Discussion of the extent to which the microbial pesticide or class of microbial pesticides covered by the petition differ from microbial pesticides that are already registered or subject to an EUP under the Act.

(4) *Administrative action on a petition.* EPA will review and evaluate petitions as expeditiously as possible and may request further information from the petitioner to assess the proposed exemption adequately. No later than 180 days after the submission of a petition, or 90 days after the last submission of additional information by the petitioner, whichever is later, EPA will take one of the following actions with respect to the petition:

(i) Grant the petition and publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the FEDERAL REGISTER for a 45-day comment period proposing the exemption requested by the petitioner.

(ii) Grant the petition and publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the FEDERAL REGISTER for a 45-day comment period proposing an exemption under such terms and conditions as EPA deems appropriate.

(iii) Deny the petition and provide the petitioner with a written explanation of EPA's decision.

(5) *Confidential business information (CBI) claims.* To assert a claim of confidentiality, the petitioner must comply with the applicable procedures in §172.46(d).

(6) *Supplements, amendments, and withdrawals.* The petitioner may supplement, amend, or withdraw his or her petition in writing without EPA approval at any time prior to the granting or denial of the petition under paragraph (b)(4) of this section. The withdrawal of a petition shall be without prejudice to the resubmission of the petition at a later date.

§ 172.57 Submission of information regarding potential unreasonable adverse effects.

Any person using a microbial pesticide in small-scale testing covered by this subpart who obtains information regarding potential unreasonable adverse effects on health or the environment must within 30 days of receipt of such information submit the information to EPA, unless the person has actual knowledge that EPA has been adequately informed of such information. The requirement to submit information applies both to those microbial pesticides subject to the notification requirements under §172.45(c) and those that are exempt under §172.45(d).

§ 172.59 Enforcement.

(a) *Imminent threat of substantial harm to health or the environment.* The use of a microbial pesticide in small-scale testing covered by this subpart (whether subject to the notification requirements of §172.45(c) or exempt under §172.45(d)) in a manner that creates an imminent threat of substantial harm to health or the environment is prohibited, and is considered a violation of section 12(a)(2)(S) of the Act.

(b) *EPA response to violations.* Under section 14 of the Act, EPA may seek civil or criminal penalties for violations of the Act. Failure to comply with the regulations in this part could result in civil or criminal penalties. Moreover, under sections 14 and 16(c) of the Act, EPA may at any time take appropriate action against violators to