

6. How do you anticipate making your efforts useful to other States seeking to build capacity to provide small community environmental compliance assistance?

Selection and Awards Process

EPA's Office of Compliance will assess how well the small community assistance efforts described by a pre-proposal satisfy the criteria of the Policy. The Office of Compliance will also consider the extent to which the proposed efforts can be expected to produce long-term benefits by developing lasting mechanisms to increase the administrative, technical, and financial capacity of small communities. Matching resources from a State will be interpreted as an indication of the State's commitment to creating a sustainable program. The Office of Compliance hopes to identify State efforts whose successes may serve as models to other States.

After determining which pre-proposals have the most merit, the Office of Compliance will consult with the appropriate EPA Regional Offices before making its selection. EPA will make every effort to complete the selection process and notify the individual States selected by July 18, 1997. States will be notified of their selection and asked to prepare a formal grant proposal for submission to the Office of Compliance and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. As part of the formal grant proposal, States will be asked to develop workplans, including specific milestones, for implementing their programs over an initial two year period. EPA intends to complete its review of the formal proposals and award the grants before October 1, 1997.

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Acting Director, Chemical, Commercial Services, and Municipal Division United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Plant Pesticide Registration Workshop; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Environmental Technology Initiative, EPA will hold a workshop in conjunction with the

National Foundation for Integrated Pest Management Education to explain the process for registering plant pesticides pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended. Industry representatives will also present information on the research, development and commercialization of plant pesticides. There will be an opportunity for questions and comments from the attendees.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 17, 1997 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 18, 1997 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA, and is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Laura Sallmen Smith, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 5th floor, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, 703-308-8716; e-mail: sallmen-smith.laura@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As the development and commercialization of plant pesticides matures, the stakeholders involved in this industry need a better understanding of the issues facing the regulators and the regulated community. This understanding can serve to bring these potentially risk-reducing technologies to faster commercialization and use. Through a cooperative agreement with EPA, the National Foundation for Integrated Pest Management Education is sponsoring a workshop to bring EPA's regulators, the seed industry, researchers, plant pesticide registrants, and other interested stakeholders together to develop an understanding of the issues. This agreement was funded by President Clinton's Environmental Technology Initiative, which was designed to encourage public/private cooperation toward the goal of commercializing technologies whose use improves the environment. The conference will consist of formal presentations by EPA, the seed industry and researchers with panel discussions on issues of concern.

The following topics will be covered: plant pesticide registration process; types of studies required for registration and possible exemptions; labeling requirements; seed research and commercialization process. Time will be allotted for questions and open discussion.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: June 3, 1997.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Abbott Laboratories; Approval of Pesticide Product Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of applications submitted by Abbott Laboratories, to conditionally register the pesticide products Retain Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder, ABG-3097 Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder, and ABG-3097 Technical Powder, containing new active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(7)(C) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Denise Greenway, Regulatory Action Leader, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide Programs, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Westfield Building North Tower, CS #1, Environmental Protection Agency, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, 703-308-8263; e-mail: greenway.denise@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of February 26, 1997 (62 FR 8728; FRL-5589-3), which announced that Abbott Laboratories, Dept. 28R, Bldg., A1, 1401 Sheridan Road, North Chicago, IL 60064-4000, had submitted applications to register the pesticide products Retain Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder, ABG-3097 Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder, and ABG-3097 Technical Powder, (EPA File Symbols 275-RRE, 275-IO, and 275-II), containing the active ingredient