ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6512–8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; the SunWise School Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): The SunWise School Program, Stratospheric Protection Division, EPA ICR No. 1904.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Office of Atmospheric Programs, Stratospheric Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW (6205J), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristin Kenausis, (202) 564–2289, (202) 565–2095 (fax), *kenausis.kristin@epa.gov* or visit the SunWise website at www.epa.gov/sunwise.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are elementary and middle school students, parents, teachers (SIC Div. I: Group 8211), and school administrators (SIC Div. I: Group 8211).

Title: SunWise School Program; EPA ICR No. 1904.01.

Abstract: The goal of the SunWise School Program is to teach children and their care givers how to protect themselves from overexposure to the sun. The SunWise School Program recognizes the challenge of measuring the progress and evaluating the effectiveness of an environmental and public health education program where the ultimate goal is to reduce risk and improve public health. Therefore, the continual and careful evaluation of program effectiveness through a variety of means, including data from pre- and post-intervention surveys, tracking and monitoring of classroom activities and school policies, and advisory board meetings, is necessary to monitor progress and refine the program. Surveys to be developed and administered include: (1) Student survey to identify current sun safety knowledge and behaviors among students; (2) Parent survey to compare findings with those of their children as well as to draw comparisons with the benchmarks established in other national surveys; (3) Teacher questionnaire for measuring their receptivity to the educational component of the Program; and (4) School administrator questionnaire to show receptivity to the SunWise School Program and its standards, such as the educational component, proposed policy changes, and school practices with the Program. The data will be analyzed and results will indicate the Program's effect on participants' sun-protection attitudes and behaviors. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. All responses to the collection of information remain anonymous and confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The SunWise School Program will conduct four different surveys, targeting four distinct audiences.

(A) Number to be surveyed annually	(B) Total hours burden	(C) Rate per hour ($)	(D) Total cost (D=B*C)
3,000 Students	3,000	0	0
1,000 Teachers	500	$36.88	$18,440.00
1,000 Parents	250	20.29	5,072.50
1,000 School Administrators	250	35.18	8,795.00
Total (Annual)	4,000	.....	32,307.50
ICR Total (3 years)	12,000	.....	96,922.50

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF–867A; FRL–6098–2]

Allergenicity Assessment of Cry9C BT Corn Plant Pesticide

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agency is soliciting input on the assessment of the potential for allergenicity of non-digestible proteins expressed as plant-pesticides. The specific case in question concerns the Cry9C insecticidal protein derived from *Bacillus thuringiensis* and expressed in field corn. In addition to EPA data evaluation records, the Agency is asking for comment on questions within an EPA background document regarding the use of amino acid homology, the brown Norway rat model, and other items regarding the assessment for potential allergenicity. This issue will also be one of the subjects of a FIFRA Science Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting in early February, 2000.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number PF–867A, must be received on or before February 22, 2000. The actual meeting date and other details will be announced in a subsequent **Federal Register** publication.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the ''SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.'' To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PF–867A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kough or Mike Mendelsohn, OPP/ BPPD (751lC), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308 8267 or (703) 308–8715; tax number: (703) 308–7026; e-mail address: kough.john@epa.gov or mendelsohn.mike @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 technical experts in human allergenicity or those persons who may be required to conduct testing to assess the potential for the allergenicity of non-digestible proteins expressed as plant-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 in the ''FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT'' section.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically*. You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents (including copies of EPA's data evaluation records, and the list of questions regarding allergenicity) that might be available electronically, from the EPA's Biopesticide Internet Home Page at http:/ /www.epa.gov/pesticides/ biopesticides. To access this document, on the Home Page select ''Laws and Regulations'' and then look up the entry for this document under the ''**Federal Register**--Environmental Documents.'' You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at http://www.epa.gov/ fedrgstr.

2. *In person*. The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number PF–867A. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action (including copies of EPA's health effects reviews, the list of selected technical experts that comprise the technical peer review committee, and the list of questions regarding allergenicity), 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). This 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 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), Rm. 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.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PF–867A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail*. Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier*. Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

3. *Electronically*. You may submit your comments electronically by E-mail to: ''opp-docket@epa.gov,'' or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number PF–867A. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record.