

(FIFRA), as amended (Pub. L. 95-396, 92 Stat. 819; 7 U.S.C. 136).

The scientific data reported and other relevant material were evaluated, and it was determined that establishment of the temporary tolerances will protect the public health. Therefore, the temporary tolerances have been established on the condition that the pesticide be used in accordance with the experimental use permits and with the following provisions:

1. The total amount of the active ingredient to be used must not exceed the quantity authorized by the experimental use permits.
2. AgrEvo USA Co., must immediately notify the EPA of any findings from the experimental use that have a bearing on safety. The company must also keep records of production, distribution, and performance and on request make the records available to any authorized officer or employee of the EPA or the Food and Drug Administration.

These tolerances expire April 30, 1996. Residues not in excess of these amounts remaining in or on the raw agricultural commodities after this expiration date will not be considered actionable if the pesticide is legally applied during the term of, and in accordance with, the provisions of the experimental use permits and temporary tolerances. These tolerances may be revoked if the experimental use permits are revoked or if any experience with or scientific data on this pesticide indicate that such revocation is necessary to protect the public health.

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this notice from the requirement of section 3 of Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. 601-612), the Administrator has determined that regulations establishing new tolerances or raising tolerance levels or establishing exemptions from tolerance requirements do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A certification statement to this effect was published in the **Federal Register** of May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950).

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a(j).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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Stephen L. Johnson,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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[OPP-180971; FRL 4953-5]

Pirimicarb; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received specific exemption requests from the Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming Departments of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicants") for use of the unregistered insecticide, pirimicarb, to control aphids and lygus bugs on alfalfa grown for seed. The proposed use would impact up to 30,000 acres in Idaho; 18,000 acres in Nevada; 10,000 acres in Oregon; 15,000 acres in Washington; and 2,000 acres in Wyoming. In accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-180971," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-180971]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on

electronic submissions can be found below in this document.

Information submitted in any comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information." Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain Confidential Business Information must be provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Larry Fried, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 6th Floor, Crystal Station I, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8328; Internet address: fried.larry@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a State agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption.

The Applicants have or will request the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of the insecticide, pirimicarb, formulated as Pirimor 50-DF Insecticide manufactured by Zeneca Inc. to control aphids. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

According to the Applicants, pirimicarb is the only known insecticide that provides control of aphids and lygus bugs without inflicting harm to the native bee populations following application. The use of the currently registered insecticides will present significant risk to beneficial organisms (native pollinating bees). The alfalfa industry heavily relies on bee pollination to ensure successful crop development. Over time, use of the registered products may be responsible for substantial bee kills that would profoundly impact the alfalfa seed industry and the ecosystem.

Under the proposed exemption Pirimor 50-DF would be used at a rate

of [(1.0 to 3.0 oz., or 0.063 to 0.188 lb. of active ingredient (a.i.))] per acre per application, applied in a minimum application spray volume of 5 gallons per acre by air or 10 gallons per acre by ground. A maximum of three applications have been requested. If approved, a maximum total rate of 6 ounces of product will not be exceeded this growing season.

The existence of state regulations/restrictions prohibit the use of any alfalfa byproducts of the seed industry for livestock feed. Applications would be made between May 1, 1995 and September 30, 1995.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. Pirimicarb is classified as a new chemical by the Agency. The regulations governing section 18 require that the Agency publish a notice of receipt in the **Federal Register** and solicit public comment on an application for a specific exemption if the applicant proposes use of a new chemical. Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number "[OPP-180971]" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this document.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemptions requested by the Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming Departments of Agriculture.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Crisis exemptions

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Final NPDES General Permit for Offshore Oil and Gas Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and State Waters of Alaska: Arctic NPDES General Permit (No. AKG284200)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of final NPDES general permit.

SUMMARY: The Regional Administrator, Region 10, is issuing the final Arctic National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit which will authorize offshore oil and gas stratigraphic test and exploration wells in the federal and state waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Development and production wells are not authorized to discharge by this general permit.

Notice of the draft Arctic general permit was published September 20, 1995 (59 FR 48314-48324) and in two Alaskan newspapers. A brief description of the basis for the conditions and requirements of the proposed permit is given in the fact sheet published at the aforementioned **Federal Register** citation.

The final permit which follows establishes effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions, and other conditions on discharges from facilities in the area of coverage. The conditions are based on material contained in the administrative record. Changes made in response to comments received during the public comment period are addressed in full in a document entitled "Response to Comments Received on the Proposed Issuance of the Arctic General NPDES Permit." This document is being sent to all commenters and is available to other parties upon request

at the address provided in this document.

DATES: The general permit shall become effective June 23, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Unless other wise noted in the permit, correspondence regarding this permit should be sent to Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Attn: Ocean Programs Section, WD-137, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98101.

Administrative Record: The administrative record for the final permit is available for public review at EPA, Region 10, at the preceding address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Dailey, of Region 10, at the preceding address or telephone (206) 553-2110. Copies of the final general permit, the response to comments, and today's publication will be provided upon request from the Region 10 Public Information Center at 1-800-424-4EPA (4372) or 206-553-1200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

EPA issues this general permit pursuant to its authority under sections 301(b), 304, 306, 307, 308, 401, 402, 403, and 501 of the Clean Water Act and the U.S. Coast Guard regulations (33 CFR part 151). This permit authorizes discharges from oil and gas stratigraphic and exploratory wells in the area of coverage on the Alaskan Outer Continental Shelf and contiguous state waters in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. The area of coverage is defined as Federal waters of the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea planning basins as defined by Minerals Management Service (MMS) (see U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1992) and State waters contiguous to the landward boundary of the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea planning basins.

Public notice for the draft permit was published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 1994 (59 FR 48314-48324) and in the Anchorage Times and