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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-181043; FRL-5712-1]

**Emergency Exemptions**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has granted specific exemptions for the control of various pests to six States listed below. A crisis exemption was initiated by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and one by the Georgia and Texas Departments of Agriculture. These exemptions, issued during the month of February 1997, including the one in July 1996, are subject to application and timing restrictions and reporting requirements designed to protect the environment to the maximum extent possible. Information on these restrictions is available from the contact persons in EPA listed below.

**DATES:** See each specific and crisis exemption for its effective date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** See each emergency exemption for the name of the contact person. The following information applies to all contact persons: By mail: Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 6th Floor, CS 1B1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA (703-308-8417); e-mail: group.ermus@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has granted specific exemptions to the:

1. Delaware Department of Agriculture for the use of metolachlor on spinach to control weeds; February 10, 1997, to February 1, 1998. (Margarita Collantes)
2. Kansas Department of Agriculture for the use of propiconazole on dry beans to control rust; July 19, 1996, to September 15, 1996. (Pat Cimino)
3. Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture for the use of clopyralid on cranberries to control weeds; February 27, 1997, to July 31, 1997. (Libby Pemberton)

4. Oregon Department of Agriculture for the use of clopyralid on cranberries to control weeds; February 27, 1997, to July 31, 1997. (Libby Pemberton)

5. Washington Department of Agriculture for the use of clopyralid on cranberries to control weeds; February 27, 1997, to July 31, 1997. (Libby Pemberton)

6. Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Services for the use of metolachlor on spinach to control weeds; February 10, 1997, to August 31, 1997. (Margarita Collantes)

Crisis exemptions were initiated by the:

1. California Department of Pesticide Regulation on February 20, 1997, for the use of maneb on walnuts to control walnut blight. This program will end on June 15, 1997. (Libby Pemberton)

2. Georgia Department of Agriculture on February 28, 1997, for the use of norflurazon on bermudagrass to control weeds. This program is expected to last until July 1, 1997. (Libby Pemberton)

3. Texas Department of Agriculture on February 17, 1997, for the use of norflurazon on bermudagrass to control weeds. This program has ended. (Libby Pemberton)

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 136.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Crisis exemptions.

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**James Jones,**

*Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5817-9]

**Proposed Settlement, Cherokee Resources Sites**

May 1, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed settlement.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to settle claims for response costs under Section 122(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9622(g), with parties qualifying for *de minimis* settlements. These claims relate to removal and response actions

undertaken by EPA at the Cherokee Resources Sites on Berryhill Road and Summit Avenue in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement which are received by EPA within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice. EPA may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

Request for copies of the proposed settlement and a list of proposed settling *de minimis* parties are available from Ms. Paula V. Batchelor at the address below. Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor at the same address within thirty (30) days of the date of publication.

Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Waste Management Division, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104, 404/562-8887.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

**Robert Jourdan,**

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*Cherokee Oil—Index of Signed de minimis Settlement Offers*

3R, Inc.

AAR Powerboss Inc. f/k/a AAR Brook & Perkins

A C Wildenhouse

A D Milling Co. a/k/a Archer Daniels Midland Co.

A E Finley & Associates

Aeroquip Corp. a/k/a Trinova Corp. f/k/a Kusan Manufacturing Company

A G Boone Co.

AKG of America, Inc.

Alan Kulwicki Racing

Alemite Corporation a/k/a Stewart Warner

Alpha America Equipment

Alumax Extrusions, Inc.

Amerace, Microporous Products, L.P.

American Crane Corp.

Ameron Fiberglass Pipe Division

Ametek, Inc.

Arrowood Mills of NC, Inc.

Assured Casting Corp.

Athol Manufacturing Corp.

Automatic Switch Co.

BABN Tech

B E & K Construction Company

Bergemann USA, Inc.

B F Goodrich/Michelin Tire Co.

Blythe Construction, Inc. f/k/a Blythe Industries

Boren Brick Clay Products

Bradford Brothers

Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.

Bridon American Corporation

Brown Equipment Manufacturing Company

Burkart Foam, Inc.

Burris Chemical

Butler Manufacturing Company

Carolina Foods

Carolina Storage