

B. How Should I Submit CBI to the Agency?

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is 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 docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

C. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the proposed rule or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is making available to the public the risk assessments that have been developed as part of the Agency's

interim public participation process for tolerance reassessment and reregistration. During the next 60 days, EPA will accept comments on the human health and environmental fate and effects risk assessments and other related documents for diuron, available in the individual pesticide docket.

In addition, EPA has reassessed the risks associated with current and proposed food uses of the pesticide diuron, including the 81 existing tolerances, and reached a tolerance reassessment and interim risk management decision. The Agency is issuing for comment the resulting Tolerance Reassessment Decision for diuron, known as a TRED, as well as the summary, overview, and risk assessment documents. It should be noted that for diuron, a RED document will be issued in 2003. The diuron RED will address any possible risk to workers and the environment and list any further risk mitigation and confirmatory data needs. During the next 60 days, EPA will accept comments on the TRED. All comments received during the next 60 days will be considered by the Agency. If any comments significantly affect the Agency's decision, EPA will acknowledge and address them in the final RED document. In the absence of substantive comments, the tolerance reassessment decisions reflected in this TRED will be considered final.

EPA must review tolerances and tolerance exemptions that were in effect when FQPA was enacted in August 1996, to ensure that these existing pesticide residue limits for food and feed commodities meet the safety standard established by the new law. Tolerances are considered reassessed once the safety finding has been made or a revocation occurs. EPA has reviewed and made the requisite safety finding for the tolerances and exemptions included in the TRED.

Although some potential risks of concern have been identified, EPA is able to make a determination of reasonable certainty of no harm for diuron, based on further characterization of these risks, the registrant's commitment to mitigation measures designed to reduce exposure to diuron and its metabolites in drinking water and the development of data to confirm that the mitigation measures are adequate. Each risk of potential concern, related to the tolerance reassessment, with its characterization and the mitigation designed to address the concern is discussed in the tolerance reassessment document. It should be noted that when the Agency evaluates the ecological and worker risks during

the development of the RED later in 2003, additional risk mitigation may be necessary.

Included in the public version of the official record are the Agency's risk assessments and related documents for diuron. As additional comments, reviews, and risk assessment modifications become available, these will also be docketed. The diuron risk assessments reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticide Products; Registration Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing new active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket ID number OPP-2003-0091, must be received on or before May 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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