

Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (M/C 4601M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council encourages the public's input and will allocate one hour during the meeting for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes, and it is preferred that only one person present the statement on behalf of a group or organization. To ensure adequate time for public involvement, individuals or organizations interested in presenting an oral statement should notify the Council's Designated Federal Officer by telephone at (202) 564-3791, no later than May 2, 2003. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received no later than May 2, 2003 will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

Any person needing special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, please contact Brenda Johnson (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Arrangements need to be made at least five business days before the meeting so that appropriate special accommodations can be made.

Dated: April 2, 2003.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Response to Requests to Cancel Certain Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) Wood Preservative Products and Amendments to Terminate Certain Uses of other CCA Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice of a Cancellation Order.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that a cancellation order was signed on March 17, 2003, in response to the use terminations and cancellations voluntarily requested by the registrants of wood preservative pesticide products containing Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) pursuant to section 6(f)(1) of the

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended. In addition to stating the Agency's response to the requests for cancellation of certain CCA products and amendments to terminate certain uses of other CCA products, this notice also addresses the considerable number of comments received in response to the Agency's requests for public comments on the above stated requests. In the cancellation order, the Agency granted certain of the aforementioned requests and did not take any action regarding certain other elements of the requests. Any sale, distribution, or use of affected products listed in this notice will only be permitted if such distribution, sale, or use is consistent with terms and conditions set forth in the cancellation order.

DATES: The effective dates of cancellation are as follows: (1) For affected product registrations—March 17, 2003 (2) For affected product registrations amended to delete terminated uses—May 16, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Bonaventure Akinlosotu, Office of Pesticide Programs (7510C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460. Office location for commercial courier delivery, telephone number and e-mail address: Rm. 308, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 605-0653; e-mail: akinlosotu.bonaventure@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announcement consists of five parts. The first part contains general information. The second part provides background, and summarizes the use terminations and product cancellations requested by the CCA product registrants. The third part summarizes the comments received in response to the Agency's request for public comments on the aforementioned registrants' requests, and provides the Agency's response to the comments. The fourth part provides a summary of the Agency's decision on the voluntary cancellation and use termination requests. The fifth part sets forth the existing stocks provisions that the Agency authorized in the cancellation order.

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture, sell, distribute, or use CCA products. The Congressional Review

Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq., as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, does not apply because this action is not a rule, for purposes of 5 U.S.C. 804(3). 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 under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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 that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules" 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 OPP-2003-0104. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, 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 Hwy., 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.

II. Background and Summary of Registrants' Request to Cancel Products and Delete Uses

On February 22, 2002, the Agency announced the receipt of requests from the registrants of wood preservative