

Review of EPA Programs and Activities).

Where a single State or Territorial agency has been designated as responsible for coordinating lead activities, EPA encourages that agency to apply for funding under TSCA section 404(g). Coordination of Federally funded lead activities by a single agency is viewed as conducive to achieving integration of lead activities. Early consultations are recommended between prospective applicants and their EPA Regional Offices. Because TSCA grants will be administered at the Regional level, these consultations can be critical to the success of a project or program, and can also contribute substantially to efficient program operations. As part of the work plan, EPA Regional Offices may ask for additional information that will be useful in evaluating the program such as the status of enabling legislation, a detailed line-item budget with sufficient information to clearly justify costs, a list of work products or deliverables, a schedule for their completion and application for program authorization under TSCA, and a description of any financial assistance received from other Federal sources concerning the lead program. Applicants must also include all appropriate information on program income in accordance with 40 CFR 31.25.

Work plans are to be negotiated between applicants and their Regional Offices to ensure that both EPA and State, Territorial, or Tribal priorities are addressed. Any application from a State, Territory, Indian Tribe, or Intertribal Consortium that is not making sufficient progress toward implementation of an acceptable program will not be funded. Also, any applicant proposing the collection of environmental or health related measurements or data generation must adequately address the requirements of 40 CFR 31.45 relating to quality assurance/quality control. EPA issued final guidance that provides details about EPA's requirements for the preparation of "quality management plans." The finalized document is titled "EPA Requirements for Quality Management Plans" (EPA QA/R-2, March 2001), and is available from each Regional Office.

8. Application procedures.

Applications must be submitted to the appropriate EPA Regional Office in duplicate; one copy to the Regional lead program branch and the other to the Regional grants management branch. In the case of electronic applications, if allowed by a particular EPA Regional Office, the applicant should follow the procedures required by the Regional

Office for submission of electronic applications. After the formula funding calculations are determined and the funds are transferred to the appropriate EPA Regional account, the Regional Office lead contact person will contact the applicant and discuss the final award allotment. EPA Regional Offices may request the applicant to modify its proposed work plan and cooperative agreement based upon the final cooperative agreement allotment. For Tribal applicants, final negotiations for the award of the grants, including the completion of a final work plan and budget, will be completed after the determination of successful applicants.

9. *Reporting.* Pursuant to 40 CFR 31.40, grantees shall, at a minimum, submit annual performance reports to the appropriate EPA Regional Office. These requirements were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 2030-0020 (General Administrative Requirement for Assistance Programs). The individual Regional Offices may require that these reports be submitted on a quarterly or semiannual basis, but not more frequently than quarterly. The specific information contained within the report will include, at a minimum, a comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period. Regional Offices may ask for the inclusion of specific data (e.g., providing to EPA specific address information associated with the abatement notifications that are received by the grantee) as part of the annual performance report from the grantees which may be useful for Agency reporting under the Government Performance and Results Act. It is assumed that any data that is requested to be submitted by the grantee will already have been collected pursuant to the grantee's work plan.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is soliciting applications from States, Territories, Indian Tribes, Intertribal Consortia, and the District of Columbia for financial assistance for purposes of developing and carrying out EPA-authorized lead-based paint programs. Approximately \$12.5 million is available to fund cooperative agreements with States, Indian Tribes, Intertribal Consortia, Territories, and the District of Columbia for development and implementation of EPA-authorized lead-based paint programs.

III. Statutory Authority and Regulations

EPA is authorized under TSCA section 404(g) to make grants to develop and carry out authorized lead-based

paint programs. Regulations governing these cooperative agreements are found at 40 CFR part 31 and part 35.

IV. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General

Grant solicitations such as this are considered rules for the purpose of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), generally provides that, before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

V. Reference

1. Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, Public Law 105-65, 111 Stat. 1374.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Grants, Lead, Training and accreditation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Glufosinate-Ammonium; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2003-0274, must be