

Virginia*Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services*

Specific. EPA authorized the use of terbacil on watermelons to control annual broad leaf weeds; April 1, 2003 to July 10, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of imidacloprid on stone fruit to control aphids; April 26, 2003 to October 1, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

EPA authorized the use of fomesafen on snap beans to control broad leaf weeds; May 9, 2003 to September 20, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

EPA authorized the use of thiophanate methyl on tomatoes to control white mold (*sclerotinia sclerotiorum*); July 2, 2003 to September 30, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

Washington*Department of Agriculture*

Crisis. On April 2, 2003, for the use of oxytetracycline on apples to control fire blight. This program ended on August 1, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

On April 16, 2003, for the use of thiamethoxam on succulent and dry bean seed to control leaf hoppers. This program is expected to end on May 15, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

On June 7, 2003, for the use of diflubenzuron on wheat and barley to control grasshoppers. This program ended on June 21, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

Specific. EPA authorized the use of triazamate on Christmas trees to control root aphids; April 15, 2003 to October 31, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of thiabendazole on lentils as a seed treatment to control ascochyta blight; April 8, 2003 to June 1, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

EPA authorized the use of myclobutanil on hops to control powdery mildew; May 1, 2003 to September 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of sulfentrazone on chickpeas to control Russian thistle; May 13, 2003 to June 20, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

EPA authorized the use of two unregistered pheromones, (Z,E)-3,13-octadecadienyl and (Z,Z)-3,13-octadecadienyl on hybrid poplars grown for pulp and saw timber to control WPCM; May 27, 2003 to October 1, 2003. This request was granted because the situation is urgent and non-routine based on the sudden population explosion of the WPCM and the

apparent change in the habitat preferences for young healthy trees. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of fenpyroximate on hops to control spider mites; May 27, 2003 to September 15, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

EPA authorized the use of quinoxyfen on hops to control powdery mildew; July 1, 2003 to September 15, 2003. This request was granted because the Agency has determined that the onset of the powdery mildew pest problem has created an urgent and non-routine situation which will result in a significant economic losses for hops growers. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of mancozeb on ginseng to control alternaria leaf and stem blight and phytophthora leaf blight; July 29, 2003 to August 15, 2003. Contact: (Libby Pemberton).

EPA authorized the use of zinc phosphide on alfalfa/clover/timothy to control vole complex; August 5, 2003 to May 1, 2004. Contact: (Libby Pemberton).

EPA authorized the use of flufenacet on wheat to control grass weeds; September 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

EPA authorized the use of flufenacet on triticale to control grass weeds; September 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

West Virginia*Department of Agriculture*

Specific. EPA authorized the use of imidacloprid on peaches and nectarines to control aphids; April 2, 2003 to November 30, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

Wisconsin*Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection*

Denial. On June 13, 2003, EPA denied the use of sulfentrazone on potatoes to control nightshade. This request was denied because yield losses were not supported by the submitted data. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

Specific. EPA authorized the use of propiconazole on cranberry to control cottonball disease; April 15, 2003 to July 31, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

EPA authorized the use of thymol and eucalyptus oil in beehives to control varroa mites; June 17, 2003 to December 31, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

Wyoming*Department of Agriculture*

Specific. EPA authorized the use of lambda-cyhalothrin on barley to control the Russian wheat aphid; April 10, 2003

to July 31, 2003. Contact: (Andrew Ertman).

EPA authorized the use of tetraconazole on sugarbeets to control cercospora; April 28, 2003 to September 30, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath).

*B. Federal Departments and Agencies***Environmental Protection Agency**

Crisis. On June 13, 2003, for the use of hydrogen peroxide for decontamination of interior spaces and personal and office items on which *bacillus anthracis* may be present at the U.S. Department of State SA-32 Mail and Pouch Facility. This program is expected to end on June 28, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticides: Procedural Guidance for EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs Procedures Concerning the Development, Modification, and Implementation of Policy Guidance Documents; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of a paper discussing procedural guidance for policy development in the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). These procedures have two goals: To increase public participation in the development, modification and implementation of OPP policy guidance documents; and to clarify that while such documents are non-binding policy statements and not legally binding rules, they nonetheless play an important role in helping to ensure a consistent starting point for OPP decision making. A draft of this document was made available for comment on March 12, 2003. A document summarizing EPA's response to public comments on the draft is also available in EPA's docket.

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