



Electronic Availability of REDs

Pesticide Reregistration

EPA is in the process of reviewing and making regulatory decisions about older pesticide active ingredients, initially registered prior to November 1984. When EPA is satisfied that an older pesticide has a substantially complete science data base which demonstrates that some or all uses do not pose unreasonable risks to human health or the environment, the Agency issues a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED). The RED document describes EPA's risk assessment and risk management decisions, as well as requirements for future use of the pesticide in the United States.

As of early 1995, EPA had issued REDs for 90 reregistration "cases," or groups of related pesticide active ingredients. The Agency plans to issue about 40 RED documents during 1995. Ultimately, REDs will be issued for a total of about 400 reregistration cases, or groups of related pesticide active ingredients.

Electronic Dissemination of REDs

EPA now is making its pesticide reregistration eligibility decisions (REDs) available electronically, on the Internet and a Bulletin Board System (BBS) operated by the Special Review and Reregistration Division (SRRD) in EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). Either a summary RED fact sheet or, for decisions made since June 1994, the entire RED document including the fact sheet is available electronically on both the Internet and this BBS. Information on the status of reregistration, special review, and other pesticide program activities also is available.

The use of computers and doing business electronically is not just a trend, but a significant step forward in capability, productivity and value. Electronic technology is now so inexpensive and widespread that it is incumbent on the Agency to provide pesticide regulatory information in this format. Interested members of the public, companies and interest groups can easily connect and see what decisions we make, and how our work affects them. This free flow of information is imperative in order to cultivate a fully-informed public, domestically and throughout the world.

**Information
Available
Electronically**

OPP is making the following information on pesticides and their regulatory status available using both the Internet and the BBS.

REDs - OPP is posting all the RED documents issued by EPA since June 1994 in their entirety (including fact sheets).

RED Fact Sheets - In addition, OPP has posted approximately 55 fact sheets for the earlier REDs--those issued from 1990 through June 1994. RED fact sheets are brief summaries of the REDs themselves, and summarize the human health and environmental assessments, risk mitigation measures, labeling changes, and regulatory conclusions presented in the more detailed RED documents.

Special Review Decisions - A fact sheet and questions and answers on EPA's proposed decision not to initiate a special review of the pesticide Propoxur were posted recently. Similar documents on other special review decisions will be added in the future.

OPP Annual Report for 1994 - OPP's first Annual Report, published in early 1995, explains how the Program is using its resources to accomplish its mission and discusses opportunities and initiatives for 1995. Graphics are included.

Pesticide Reregistration Progress Report - This quarterly publication summarizes OPP's recent decisions and reflects its cumulative progress in conducting reregistration and special review. It contains a list of all completed REDs, as well as several graphics.

Status of Pesticides in Reregistration and Special Review (or Rainbow Report) - This comprehensive reference document, updated annually, lists and provides the status of all pesticides undergoing reregistration and special review.

OPP Selected Terms and Acronyms - This reference document lists and defines technical and regulatory terms and acronyms used frequently by OPP.

Registration Information - "General Information on Applying for Registration of Pesticides in the United States," Second Edition, August 1992.

FIFRA Section 17(b) Notifications - Documents notifying foreign governments that EPA has registered, cancelled, suspended, or taken other regulatory action or made a regulatory decision concerning a pesticide used in the United States. [On Internet only.]

Additional Information - As new information becomes available, it is added to both the Internet and BBS. For example, new REDs (including RED fact sheets) are added as soon as the printed documents are mailed to the registrants of these pesticides.



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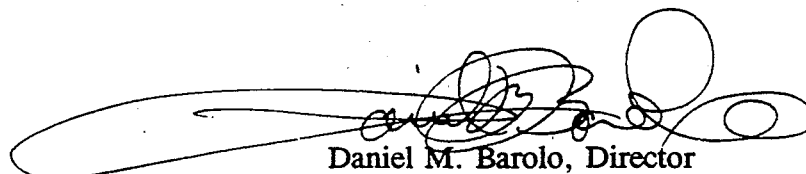
Electronic Availability of Pesticide Reregistration Information

In support of the Environmental Protection Agency's commitment to greater public accessibility of our data and information systems, I have encouraged the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to explore electronic dissemination as one of the primary means for getting our products and information to our clients both internally and externally. My office is in the process of improving access to all of our information systems generally. I am proud to announce that a major improvement in accessibility has been accomplished. Up-to-date information about EPA's reregistration of pesticides is now available electronically.

All recent pesticide Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) documents, summary RED fact sheets, and other documents concerning pesticide reregistration, special review, and related topics are available through an electronic Bulletin Board System operated by OPP, and from EPA's Internet site (where other Agency information also resides). Anyone who uses a personal computer with a modem can readily gain access to these free sources of timely information about pesticides and their regulatory status, as explained in the enclosed fact sheet entitled, "Electronic Availability of REDs."

Expanding OPP's Electronic Information Dissemination

OPP is interested in expanding and refining its electronic dissemination of pesticide regulatory information. We encourage you to access the systems described, peruse the documents posted, and give us your comments and suggestions. Do the documents contain information that is needed or useful? Are the delivery mechanisms effective? Do you have priorities for access to other EPA pesticide information? Please send responses to Brian Hirsch, Policy and Special Projects Staff (7501C), EPA, Washington, DC 20460, telephone 703-305-7102, or by electronic mail at HIRSCH.BRIAN@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. If you have questions about the content of the reregistration and special review documents themselves, please contact the Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508W), OPP, EPA, Washington, DC 20460, telephone 703-308-8000, or by electronic mail at SRRD@CAIS.COM.



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The Internet

All of the documents listed above are available from EPA's gopher server and two other pathways on the Internet. The Internet address of EPA's gopher server is *GOPHER.EPA.GOV*. This information also is available using ftp on *FTP.EPA.GOV*., or using WWW (World Wide Web) on *WWW.EPA.GOV*.

Bulletin Board System (BBS)

The Pesticide Special Review and Reregistration Information System is what is commonly referred to as a "Bulletin Board System" or BBS. A BBS is a computer set up to accept calls from over a telephone line and allow callers to use the computer. Anyone with a computer or terminal connected to a phone line or networked to one can dial into a BBS and perform the functions it is set up to allow. This may include sending and retrieving data, and exchanging electronic mail, as well as running any available program.

How To Get Onto the BBS

From Your Personal Computer or Terminal - The telephone number is 703-308-7224. To connect to this or any other BBS, several parameters in your communication software must be set appropriately. The settings for this BBS are the standard settings for most: 8 data bits, no parity, and 1 stop bit (abbreviated as 8N1). Communication speeds from 2400bps to 28.8Kbps are available, accommodating almost all speeds available in modems on the market today. The system displays color ANSI graphics as well as ASCII text.

From the Internet - The Pesticide Special Review and Reregistration Information System can be accessed via GSA's Fedworld system. Telnet or FTP to *FEDWORLD.GOV* and follow the onscreen instructions to get to the gateway.

From a LAN - Many Local Area Networks (LANs) are connected to the telephone network. While it is not possible to address the multitude of possible configurations here, your network administrator will be able to tell you if you are able to dial out to other systems from your LAN and what specific software you have available to do this.

RED Document Distribution

EPA mails printed copies of completed REDs to registrants of pesticide products containing these active ingredients. The Agency also makes RED documents available to the public from the Pesticide Docket during a 60-day comment period, as announced in Notices of Availability published in the Federal Register. REDs issued since the spring of 1994 are available free of charge while supplies last from EPA's National Center for Environmental Publications and Information (NCEPI). All REDs will be available indefinitely for a fee from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS).

Sources of Printed REDs

To obtain printed copies of REDs and RED fact sheets, please contact:

Pesticide Docket - During the 60-day comment period after a RED is issued, the document is available free of charge from:

Pesticide Docket
Public Response and Program Resources Branch
Field Operations Division (7506C)
Office of Pesticide Programs
U.S. EPA
Washington, DC 20460
Telephone: 703-305-5805

NCEPI - REDs and RED fact sheets issued since April 1994 are available free of charge while supplies last from:

EPA/NCEPI (National Center for Environmental Publications & Information)
PO Box 42419
Cincinnati, OH 45242-0419
Telephone: 513-489-8190
Fax: 513-489-8695

NTIS - Archived REDs and RED fact sheets will be available indefinitely for a fee from:

National Technical Information Service (NTIS)
ATTN: Order Desk
5285 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22161
Telephone: 703-487-4650

REDs List

A list of completed REDs is published each quarter in the Pesticide Reregistration Progress Report, available on both the Internet and BBS. To obtain a printed copy of the latest Progress Report, please contact NCEPI (see above), or SOS/PRB/SRRD (7508W), OPP, U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460, telephone 703-308-8009.

For More Information

For more information about pesticide documents on the Internet or BBS, or about the Agency's reregistration and special review programs, please contact the Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508W), Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460, telephone 703-308-8000, or by electronic mail at SRRD@CAIS.COM.