

organophosphates, carbamates, pyrethroids, benzoylureas, and other diacylhydrazines. Thus, there is no evidence to date to suggest that cumulative effects of tebufenozide and other chemicals should be considered.

#### E. Safety Determination

1. *U.S. population.* Using the conservative exposure assumptions described above and taking into account the completeness and reliability of the toxicity data, the dietary exposure to tebufenozide from the current and future tolerances will utilize 20.1% of the RfD for the U.S. population and 52.0% for non-nursing infants under 1-year old. Using anticipated residue levels for these crops utilizes 3.38% of the RfD for the U.S. population and 12.0% for non-nursing infants. EPA generally has no concern for exposures below 100% of the RfD because the RfD represents the level at or below which daily aggregate dietary exposure over a lifetime will not pose appreciable risks to human health. Rohm and Haas concludes that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to tebufenozide residues to the U.S. population and non-nursing infants.

2. *Infants and children.* In assessing the potential for additional sensitivity of infants and children to residues of tebufenozide, data from developmental toxicity studies in the rat and rabbit and two 2-generation reproduction studies in the rat are considered. The developmental toxicity studies are designed to evaluate adverse effects on the developing organism resulting from pesticide exposure during pre-natal development to one or both parents. Reproduction studies provide information relating to effects from exposure to the pesticide on the reproductive capability of mating animals and data on systemic toxicity. Developmental toxicity was not observed in developmental studies using rats and rabbits. The NOEL for developmental effects in both rats and rabbits was 1,000 mg/kg/day, which is the limit dose for testing in developmental studies.

In the 2-generation reproductive toxicity study in the rat, the reproductive/developmental toxicity NOEL of 12.1 mg/kg/day was 14-fold higher than the parental (systemic) toxicity NOEL (0.85 mg/kg/day). The reproductive (pup) LOEL of 171.1 mg/kg/day was based on a slight increase in both generations in the number of pregnant females that either did not deliver or had difficulty and had to be sacrificed. In addition, the length of gestation increased and implantation

sites decreased significantly in F1 dams. These effects were not replicated at the same dose in a second 2-generation rat reproduction study. In this second study, reproductive effects were not observed at 2,000 ppm (the NOEL equal to 149-195 mg/kg/day) and the NOEL for systemic toxicity was determined to be 25 ppm (1.9-2.3 mg/kg/day).

Because these reproductive effects occurred in the presence of parental (systemic) toxicity and were not replicated at the same doses in a second study, these data do not indicate an increased pre-natal or post-natal sensitivity to children and infants (that infants and children might be more sensitive than adults) to tebufenozide exposure. FFDCA section 408 provides that EPA shall apply an additional safety factor for infants and children in the case of threshold effects to account for pre- and post-natal toxicity and the completeness of the data base unless EPA concludes that a different margin of safety is appropriate. Based on current toxicological data discussed above, an additional uncertainty factor is not warranted and the RfD at 0.018 mg/kg/day is appropriate for assessing aggregate risk to infants and children. Rohm and Haas concludes that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will occur to infants and children from aggregate exposure to residues of tebufenozide.

#### F. International Tolerances

There are no approved CODEX maximum residue levels (MRLs) established for residues of tebufenozide. (Joseph Tavano)

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00518; FRL-5761-7]

#### Test Guidelines; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has established a unified library for Test Guidelines issued by the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS), and is announcing the availability of final test guidelines for Series 835—Fate, Transport and Transformation. These final guidelines are for the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) and have been harmonized with test guidelines of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and

Development (OECD). The draft guidelines were made available by notice in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 16486, April 15, 1996)(FRL-5363-1) and were peer reviewed at a Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting on May 30, 1996. These final guidelines incorporate changes recommended by the SAP and other changes resulting from public comment. This notice also describes the unified library of OPPTS Test Guidelines. The Agency issues Federal Register notices periodically as new test guidelines are added to the OPPTS unified library.

**ADDRESSES:** The guidelines are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 on *The Federal Bulletin Board*. By modem dial (202) 512-1387, telnet and ftp: fedbbs.access.gpo.gov (IP 162.140.64.19), or call (202) 512-0132 for disks or paper copies. The guidelines are also available electronically in ASCII and PDF (portable document format) from the EPA's World Wide Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/research.htm>) under the heading "Researchers and Scientists/Test Methods and Guidelines/Harmonized Test Guidelines."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information: By mail:

*Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) information:* Contact the TSCA Hotline at: TATS/7408, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone number: (202) 554-1404; fax: (202) 554-5603, e-mail: TSCA-hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

*Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) information:* Contact the Communications Services Branch (7506C), Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone number: (703) 305-5017; fax: (703) 305-5558.

*For technical questions only on Series 835 OPPT test guidelines:* Robert Boethling, (202) 260-3912, or e-mail: boethling.bob@epamail.epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. EPA's Process for Developing a Unified Library of Test Guidelines

EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) has been engaged in a multi-year project to harmonize and/or update test guidelines among the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The goals of the project include the formulation of

harmonized OPP and OPPT guidelines for those in common between the two programs, the harmonization of OPPT and/or OPP guidelines with those of the OECD, the updating of any guidelines unique to OPP or OPPT programs, and the addition of several new guidelines.

Testing guidelines that are changed substantively in the harmonization process or through other updating/amending activities, or which are new (e.g., for a previously unaddressed testing endpoint) will be made available for public comment by notice in the **Federal Register**. Additionally, EPA submits substantively revised and new test guidelines to peer review by expert scientific panels. Guidelines which are reformatted but not changed in any substantive way are not made available for public comment or submitted to peer review.

All final guidelines will be made available through the GPO Electronic Bulletin Board and the Internet on the EPA World Wide Web home page as a unified library of OPPTS Test Guidelines for use by either EPA program office. Printed versions of the unified library of OPPTS test guidelines will also be available to the public through the GPO. For purposes of this **Federal Register** notice, "publication" of the unified library of guidelines generally describes the availability of these final guidelines through the GPO and Internet. Because harmonization and updating is an ongoing task that will periodically result in modified guidelines, some guidelines being made available via GPO and Internet will be revised in the future. These efforts will ensure that industry is provided with testing guidelines that are current.

The test guidelines appearing in the unified library will be given numerical designations that are different from the designations provided at 40 CFR parts 158, 795, 796, 797, 798, and 799. OPPTS

test guidelines will be published in 10 disciplinary series as follows:

Series 810—Product Performance Test Guidelines

Series 830—Product Properties Test Guidelines

Series 835—Fate, Transport and Transformation Test Guidelines

Series 840—Spray Drift Test Guidelines

Series 850—Ecological Effects Test Guidelines

Series 860—Residue Chemistry Test Guidelines

Series 870—Health Effects Test Guidelines

Series 875—Occupational and Residential Exposure Test Guidelines

Series 880—Biochemicals Test Guidelines

Series 885—Microbial Pesticide Test Guidelines

The Agency issues **Federal Register** notices periodically announcing any new test guidelines added to the OPPTS unified library. As each set of guidelines is published, it will be accompanied by a Master List which cross references the new OPPTS guideline numbers to the original OPP and OPPT numbers.

## II. Series 835 Changes

Significant changes to the Series 835 test guidelines include addition of a new guideline, Biodegradability in Sea Water, in OPPTS 835.3160; recommendation of the alkali addition method in the Sealed Vessel Carbon Dioxide Production Test in OPPTS 835.3120; clarification of guideline scope with respect to redox conditions and recommendation of field temperature incubation in the Sediment/Water Microcosm Biodegradation Test in OPPTS 835.3180; discussion of the importance of maintaining influent dissolved organic carbon (DOC) levels and addition of language to permit periodic

wastage of sludge in the Porous Pot Test in OPPTS 835.3220; and discussion of evidence supporting the contention that treated (deactivated) sludge retains the characteristics of viable sludge in the Activated Sludge Sorption Isotherm Test in OPPTS 835.1110. In addition, test guideline OPPTS 835.3400, Anaerobic Biodegradability of Organic Chemicals, is retained despite several negative comments on the method. Major revisions to this protocol are presently being considered in several fora (ASTM; ISO; OECD) and EPA intends to revisit this topic when consensus is reached on certain technical issues. Explicit test requirements for pesticide registration are set out in 40 CFR part 158 which refers to specific guidelines by guideline number. Studies initiated 45 days or more after final publication should be performed in accordance with the revised guidelines.

## III. Public Record

A detailed description of the response to comments and the changes to each guideline are available under docket control number OPP-00518 in the Public Docket and Freedom of Information Section, Office of Pesticide Programs, Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone 703-305-5805, or by mail: Public Docket and Freedom of Information Section, Office of Pesticide Programs, Field Operations Division (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

## IV. Notice of Availability of Final Test Guidelines

This notice announces the availability of final test guidelines for OPPT in the 835 Series. The following is the list of guidelines being made available at this time.

### Series 835—Fate, Transport and Transformation Test Guidelines

OPPTS Number	Name	Existing Numbers			EPA Pub. no.
		OTS	OPP	OECD	712-C-
	<b>Group</b>				

## Series 835—Fate, Transport and Transformation Test Guidelines—Continued

OPPTS Number	Name	Existing Numbers			EPA Pub. no.
		OTS	OPP	OECD	712-C-
835.3110	Ready biodegradability	796.3180, .3200, .3220, .3240, .3260	none	301	98-076
835.3120	Sealed-vessel carbon dioxide production test	none	none	none	98-311
835.3160	Biodegradability in sea water	none	none	306	98-351
835.3170	Shake flask die-away test	none	none	none	98-297
835.3180	Sediment/water microcosm biodegradation test	none	none	none	98-083
835.3200	Zahn-Wellens/EMPA test	796.3360	none	302B	98-084
835.3210	Modified SCAS test	796.3340	none	302A	98-085
835.3220	Porous pot test	none	none	none	98-301
835.3300	Soil biodegradation	796.3400	none	304A	98-088
835.3400	Anaerobic biodegradability of organic chemicals	796.3140	none	none	98-090
<b>Group E—Transformation Chemical-Specific Test Guidelines.</b>					
835.5045	Modified SCAS test for insoluble and volatile chemicals	795.45	none	none	98-097
835.5154	Anaerobic biodegradation in the subsurface	795.54	none	none	98-098
835.5270	Indirect photolysis screening test: Sunlight photolysis in waters containing dissolved humic substances	795.70	none	none	98-099

**List of Subjects**

Environmental Protection, Test guidelines.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****Notice of Public Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval**

January 16, 1998.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a valid control number. Comments should address: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before February 27, 1998. OMB Notification of Action is due on or before March 30, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 17, 1997, the Commission released a Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 97-376, which addresses rules and policies concerning cable inside wiring. Among other things, this rulemaking amends the Commission's regulations relating to the disposition of cable home

wiring and related issues including the sharing of molding, the demarcation point for multiple dwelling unit buildings ("MDUs"), loop-through cable wiring configurations, customer access to cable home wiring before termination of service, and signal leakage.

**OMB Approval Number:** 3060-0692.

**Title:** Home Wiring Provisions.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business and other for-profit entities.

**Number of Respondents:** 30,500 (20,500 multichannel video program distributors and 10,000 multiple dwelling unit building owners).

**Estimated Time Per Response:** 5 minutes-20 hours.

**Total Annual Burden to Respondents:** 46,114 hours, calculated as follows:

This collection (3060-0692) accounts for all information collection requirements that may come into play during the disposition of cable home wiring in single dwelling units, as well as the disposition of home run wiring and cable home wiring in MDUs. All multichannel video programming distributors ("MVPDs"), both cable and non-cable alike, are now subject to these disposition rules. Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, when modifying only portions of an information collection, agencies are still obligated to put forth the entire collection for public comment.

This information collection now