them in the Public Response and Program Resources Branch as described above.)

Because the electronic comment process is still experimental, EPA cannot guarantee that all electronic comments will be accurately converted to printed, paper form. If EPA becomes aware, in transferring an electronic comment to printed, paper form, of a problem or error that results in an obviously garbled comment, EPA will attempt to contact the comment submitter and advise the submitter to resubmit the comment either in electronic or written form. Some commenters may choose to submit identical comments in both electronic and written form to ensure accuracy. In that case, EPA requests that commenters clearly note in both the electronic and written submissions that the comments are duplicated in the other medium. This will assist EPA in processing and filing the comments in the rulemaking record.

As with ordinary written comments, at the time of receipt, EPA will not attempt to verify the identities of electronic commenters nor to review the accuracy of electronic comments. Electronic and written comments will be placed in the rulemaking record without any editing or change by EPA except to the extent changes occur in the process of converting electronic comments to printed, paper form.

If it chooses to respond officially to electronic comments on this Proposed Rule, EPA will do so either in a notice in the Federal Register or in a response to comments document placed in the rulemaking record for this Proposed Rule. EPA will not respond to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or conversion to printed, paper form as discussed above. Any communications from EPA employees to electronic commenters, other than those described in this paragraph, either through Internet or otherwise are not official responses from EPA.

VII. EPA Decision on Proposed Exception

EPA will publish in the **Federal Register** its final decision on whether to grant the request for a national exception. EPA will base its decision on whether the benefits of the exceptions outweigh the costs. An exception may be withdrawn by EPA at any time if EPA receives poisoning information or other data that indicate that the health risks imposed by the early entry exception are unacceptable or if EPA receives other information that indicates that the exception is no longer necessary or prudent.

Dated: January 3, 1995.

Lynn R. Goldman,

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Worker Protection Standard; Reduced Restricted Entry Intervals for Certain Pesticides, Request for Comments on Draft Policy

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **ACTION:** Notice, Request for Comment.

SUMMARY: EPA is soliciting comments on a proposed policy, which would be issued in a Pesticide Regulation Notice (PRN) entitled: "Worker Protection Standard: Reduced Restricted Entry Intervals for Certain Pesticides. EPA proposes to allow registrants to reduce the interim Worker Protection Standard (WPS) restricted entry intervals (REIs) from 12 to 4 hours for certain low risk pesticides. A proposed list of active ingredients that are candidates for reduced interim WPS REIs would be included in the PRN. End-use products containing active ingredients that appear on the list would be evaluated using the criteria described within the PRN to determine if the current REI may be reduced to 4 hours. To facilitate the availability of the proposed policy to anyone who may be interested in commenting, this notice presents the proposed policy as it would appear in a PRN.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket number [OPP– 00399], must be received on or before February 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit comments to: Public Response and Program **Resources Branch**, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Public Response and Program **Resources Branch**, Field Operations Division, RM 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805. Information submitted and any comment(s) concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as

"Confidential Business Information" (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment(s) that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice to the submitter. Information on the proposed notice and any written comments will be available for public inspection in Room 1128 at the Virginia address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by any of three different mechanisms: by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: Docket-OPPTS@epamail.epa.gov; by sending a "Subscribe" message to listserver@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov and once subscribed, send your comments to RIN-2070-AC69; or through the EPA Electronic Bulletin Board by dialing 202-488-3671, enter selection "DMAIL," user name "BB-USER" or 919-541-4642, enter selection "MAIL," user name "BB-USER." Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number OPP-00399 since all five documents in this separate part provide the same electronic address. No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this proposed rule, but not the record, may be viewed or new comments filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in unit XV. of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail, Judy Smith or Ameesha Mehta, Certification, Training, and Occupational Safety Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 11th floor, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, 22202, (703)– 305–7666.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency is proposing to issue a Pesticide Regulation Notice (PRN) to allow registrants to reduce the current interim WPS REIs from 12 to 4 hours for certain low risk pesticides. In order to provide ample opportunity for review and

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