

The State of Delaware concludes that the costs of these measures are inconsequential when compared with the expected loss in the crop value without the exception.

#### *C. Economic Impact*

The exception request addresses 450 acres of cantaloupe and squash production, potentially affected by the Downey mildew disease. Based on Delaware's 1993 statistics, the revenue amount for cantaloupe is \$2,250 per acre. The inability to harvest in time would result in decreased revenue per acre. An estimated percentage of loss was not provided, but would be determined by estimating the amount of acreage expected to be lost due to inability to harvest mature fruit during the REI after application of chlorothalonil.

As the State of Delaware indicated, if the Agency were to grant the exception, in conjunction with the measures proposed by the State of Delaware, the agricultural employer would also be required to ensure that the protective measures in § 170.112(c)(3) through (c)(9) are met. These measures specify that the PPE required, daily for early entry, is provided, cleaned, and maintained for the worker; decontamination and change areas are provided; basic training and label-specific information is provided; and measures to prevent heat-related illness are implemented, when appropriate. The Agency may add additional specific measures based on comments received.

#### **III. Comments and Information Solicited**

The Agency desires more information and is therefore, interested in receiving a full range of comments on this proposed exception. In particular, the Agency welcomes comments supported by information, including evidence demonstrating whether the risks to workers would be acceptable, given the measures proposed, and whether the use of personal protective equipment, engineering controls, any additional decontamination procedures, and safety training in these circumstances would be feasible. The Agency is interested in any available data on how heat stress can be mitigated effectively, and whether there are any reports of chlorothalonil poisoning incidents involving harvesters. The Agency also would like comments regarding the appropriate time limit on activities performed during the REI. Comments on feasible alternative fungicides or integrated pest management practices that would make early entry for hand harvesting unnecessary, and their

associated costs are also solicited. The Agency would welcome any additional information concerning the economic impact (yield and/or price) on this industry of prohibiting hand harvesting during the full 48-hour REI for this fungicide. Information on average production life of squash and cantaloupe, and the stages of maturity required for different markets is further solicited.

In addition, the Agency requests comments on whether other States in which chlorothalonil is used on cantaloupe and squash would need a comparable exception. The States of Florida and Iowa have expressed a similar need for workers to enter chlorothalonil-treated cantaloupe and tomato fields to perform hand labor harvest before the expiration of the 48-hour REI. If Delaware's exception request is granted, the Agency may consider extending the exception beyond the State of Delaware, pending demonstration of need by other States. Interested parties have 30 days from the publication of this notice to comment.

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-250106" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

#### **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection,  
Occupational safety and health,  
Pesticides and Pests.

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#### **Solicitation of Testing Proposals for 1,6-Hexamethylene Diisocyanate for Negotiation of a TSCA Section 4 Enforceable Consent Agreement**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice invites manufacturers and processors of 1,6-hexamethylene diisocyanate (HDI) and other interested parties to develop and submit to EPA specific toxicity testing program proposals for this chemical. In addition, EPA is also interested in the development of a voluntary product stewardship program for HDI as a complement to the testing effort.

**DATES:** Written testing proposals must be received by August 11, 1995. EPA may extend the deadline for receipt of testing proposals upon a showing of good faith efforts to develop testing proposals by the initial deadline.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit three copies of written testing proposals to TSCA Docket Receipts (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Submissions should bear the document control number (OPPTS-42052R; FRL-4938-2). The public docket supporting this action, including comments, is available for public inspection at the above address from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: ncic@epamail.epa.gov. 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 control number (OPPTS-42052R; FRL-4938-2). No CBI should be submitted through e-