

evaluation. Investigation is underway at the National Cancer Institute to determine whether the association found in these studies can be confirmed. The possible endocrine effects reported in the literature to date have not been evident in those studies conducted in rats reviewed by the Agency, nor has immunotoxicity been indicated to be a critical endpoint for lindane toxicity. The Agency is considering additional data requirements for reregistration, including a neurotoxicity study, and the need for requiring special studies to assess both immunotoxicity and endocrine effects. The Agency is currently developing a strategy for examining the role of organochlorine chemicals as endocrine disrupters. Such an effort could result in the Agency pursuing further regulatory action against lindane. Today's action only deals with the kidney effects and does not preclude the Agency from taking future regulatory action against this chemical based on the risk concerns raised above.

**Comment.** Several commenters suggested EPA ban further use of lindane because the severity of the pesticide's environmental and health concerns have already caused regulators in more than a dozen countries to ban or severely restrict the use of this chemical.

**Agency Response.** EPA updates and reviews its scientific database on a routine basis for new evidence on chemicals which may identify risk concerns. Any regulatory action must meet the scrutiny of sound science and be consistent with the statutes and regulations governing pesticide registration and use. The Agency will exercise its authority to ban or restrict the use of pesticides when such action is necessary to protect against unreasonable adverse effects.

### III. Reregistration Activities

EPA is considering what additional toxicological data are necessary to support continued registration, which include carcinogenicity and developmental neurotoxicity studies. Upon receipt and review of any of these studies, the Agency could initiate a Special Review or take other appropriate regulatory action if risk concerns are raised.

### IV. Conclusion

Today's notice announces the Agency's final decision that the lindane induced kidney effects observed in male rats are not relevant for human risk assessment, nor do these effects meet the risk criteria for initiation of a Special Review. Because EPA no longer

believes there is a renal-related hazard posed to humans, the Agency will not initiate a Special Review for this effect. The Agency is developing a strategy to look at the role of organochlorine pesticides, such as lindane, may play as endocrine disrupters to better understand the risks from this group of chemicals. This action does not preclude the Agency from taking action on this chemical in the future as new information on this or any other risk concern becomes known.

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### Monterey Laboratories; Application to Register a Pesticide Product

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of an application to register a pesticide product involving a changed use pattern pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by August 25, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30390] and the file symbol (63608-R) to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Divisions (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: 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. Comments and data will 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-30390]. No "Confidential Business Information" (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many

Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submission can be found below in this document.

Information submitted as a comment 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 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. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Shanaz Bacchus, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. CS51B6, Westfield Building North Tower, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8097; e-mail: bacchus.shanaz@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA received an application from Monterey Laboratories, 777 Maher Court, P.O. Box 189, Watsonville, CA 95077-0189, to register the pesticide product Vertigo Mushroom Fungicide (EPA File Symbol 63608-R), containing the active ingredient cinnamaldehyde at 50 percent, which involves a changed use pattern pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. This product is for general use to include in its presently registered use, the control of larvae of soil dwelling beetles on or in turfgrass, landscape ornamentals, soil, transpiration facilities, and interior plantscapes. Notice of receipt of this application does not imply a decision by the Agency on the application.

Notice of approval or denial of an application to register a pesticide product will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The procedure for requesting data will be given in the **Federal Register** if an application is approved.

Comments received within the specified time period will be considered before a final decision is made; comments received after the time specified will be considered only to the extent possible without delaying processing of the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-