

(5) The hearing record shall be left open until the deadline for receipt of comments, specified at the beginning of this Notice, to allow any person enough time to submit additional written statements or to present views or evidence tending to rebut or support testimony presented at the public hearing;

(6) Hearing testimony may be provided orally or in written format. Commenters providing verbal comments are encouraged to provide written comments to ensure accuracy of the record and for use of EPA and other interested persons. Persons wishing to make verbal comments supporting their written statements are encouraged to give a summary of their points rather than reading lengthy written comments verbatim into the record.

All comments related to the draft Geotechnical General Permit and Fact Sheet received by EPA Region 10 by the deadline for receipt of comments, or presented at the public hearing, will be considered by EPA before taking final action on the General Permit.

**Document Viewing Locations.** The draft Geotechnical General Permit and Fact Sheet may also be viewed at the following locations:

(1) EPA Region 10 Library, Park Place Building, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101; (206) 553-1289.

(2) EPA Region 10, Alaska Operations Office, 222 W 7th Avenue, #19, Room 537, Anchorage, AK 99513; (907) 271-5083.

(3) DEC Anchorage office, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501; (907) 269-7235.

(4) Z. J. Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503; (907) 343-2975.

(5) North Slope Borough School District Library/Media Center, Pouch 169, 829 Aivak Street, Barrow, AK 99723; (907) 852-5311.

EPA's current administrative record for the draft Geotechnical General Permit is available for review at the EPA Region 10 Office, Park Place Building, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact Erin Seyfried at [seyfried.erin@epa.gov](mailto:seyfried.erin@epa.gov) or (206) 553-1448.

**Oil Spill Requirements.** Section 311 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321, prohibits the discharge of oil and hazardous materials in harmful quantities. Discharges authorized under the Geotechnical General Permit are excluded from the provisions of CWA Section 311, 33 U.S.C. 1321. However, the Geotechnical General Permit will not preclude the institution of legal action, or relieve the permittees from any responsibilities,

liabilities, or penalties for other unauthorized discharges of oil and hazardous materials, which are covered by Section 311.

**Endangered Species Act.** Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544, requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) if their actions have the potential to either beneficially or adversely affect any threatened or endangered species. In accordance with ESA requirements, EPA has initiated consultation with NMFS and USFWS, and has prepared a Biological Evaluation (BE) for the Geotechnical General Permit, which concludes that the General Permit is not likely to adversely affect any threatened or endangered species or their designated critical habitat areas. The BE has been submitted to NMFS and USFWS for review and concurrence during the public comment period. EPA will obtain a determination from NMFS and USFWS prior to issuing the Geotechnical General Permit.

**Essential Fish Habitat.** The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires EPA to consult with NMFS when a proposed permit action has the potential to adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). An EFH Assessment has been prepared for the Geotechnical General Permit.

**Coastal Zone Management Act.** As of July 1, 2011, there is no longer a Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) program in Alaska. Consequently, federal agencies are no longer required to provide the State of Alaska with CZMA consistency determinations.

**Executive Order 12866.** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) exempts this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

**Paperwork Reduction Act.** EPA has reviewed the requirements imposed on regulated facilities in the Geotechnical General Permit and finds them consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act.** Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., a federal agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis "for any proposed rule" for which the agency "is required by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law, to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking." The RFA exempts from this requirement any rule that the issuing agency certifies "will not, if

promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities." EPA has concluded that NPDES general permits are permits, not rulemakings, under the APA and thus not subject to APA rulemaking requirements or the FRA. Notwithstanding that general permits are not subject to the RFA, EPA has determined that the Geotechnical General Permit will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. This determination is based on the fact that the regulated companies are not classified as small businesses under the Small Business Administration regulations established at 49 FR 5023 et seq. (February 9, 1984). These facilities are classified as Major Group 13—Oil as Gas Extraction SIC 1311 Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas.

**Authority:** This action is taken under the authority of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1342. I hereby provide public notice of the draft Geotechnical General Permit in accordance with 40 CFR 124.10.

Dated: November 14, 2013.

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Director, Office of Water and Watersheds, Region 10.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0703; FRL-9902-97]

### Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of an Application for a New Active Ingredient

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received an application to register a pesticide product containing an active ingredient not included in any previously registered pesticide product. Pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA is hereby providing notice of receipt and opportunity to comment on the application.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 23, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0703, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any

information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert McNally, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-7090; email address: [BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov](mailto:BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

###### B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the

public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.
- Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
- Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

##### II. Registration Application

EPA has received an application to register a pesticide product containing an active ingredient not included in any previously registered pesticide product. Pursuant to the provisions of FIFRA section 3(c)(4), EPA is hereby providing notice of receipt and opportunity to comment on the application. Notice of receipt of the application does not imply a decision by the Agency on the application.

*File Symbol:* 68467-EN. *Applicant:* Dow AgroSciences LLC, 9330 Zionsville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268. *Product name:* DAS-81419-2 Soybean. *Active ingredients:* *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ac protein expressed in soybean and *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1F protein expressed in soybean. *Proposed classification/Use:* Plant-incorporated Protectant (PIP).

##### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest.

Dated: November 8, 2013.

**Robert McNally,**

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Public Notice: 2014-6009]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Export-Import Bank of the United States.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review and comments request.

*Form Title:* EIB 14-01 Small Business Exporter Survey.

**SUMMARY:** The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The small business exporter survey seeks to obtain feedback from customers on trade credit insurance policy purchases made in a Fiscal Year. This survey will help Ex-Im Bank better understand small business customers' perspectives on the bank's products, the level of service provided, and how Ex-Im Bank's assistance impacts their small business. The objective is to identify possible service improvements and better understand small business owners' experiences working with Ex-Im Bank.

The survey can be reviewed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SBCustomerSurvey>.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before January 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically on [WWW.REGULATIONS.GOV](http://WWW.REGULATIONS.GOV) or by mail to Stephanie Thum, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20571.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Titles and Form Number:* EIB 14-01 Small Business Exporter Survey.

*OMB Number:* 3048-XXXX.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Need and Use:* The information requested enables Ex-Im Bank to identify possible service improvements to the benefit of small business exporters.

*The number of respondents:* 1,808.

*Estimated time per respondents:* 10 minutes.

*The frequency of response:* Annually.

*Annual hour burden:* 301.3 total hours.

#### Government Expenses

*Reviewing time per response:* 5 minutes.