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Dated: December 22, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2023–0597; FRL–11634–01]

### Clothianidin; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to use the insecticide clothianidin (CAS No. 210–880–92–5) as a soil drench application to treat up to 125,376 acres of immature (3–5 years old) citrus trees to control the transmission of Huanglongbing (HLB) disease vectored by the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP). The applicant proposes a use that has been requested in 5 or more previous years. Therefore, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 16, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID)

number EPA–HQ–OPP–2023–0597, through the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* at <https://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. Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Smith, Director, Registration Division (7505T), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001; main telephone number: (202) 566–1030; email address: *RDfRNotices@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 [www.regulations.gov](http://www.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 preparing and submitting your

comments, see the commenting tips at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low-income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide(s) discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

##### II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the EPA Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the EPA Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The FDACS has requested the EPA Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of clothianidin as a soil drench application on immature (3–5 years old) citrus trees to control the transmission of HLB disease vectored by ACP. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the applicant asserts that clothianidin is needed to suppress the transmission of HLB disease vectored by ACP due to the lack of available alternative pesticides and effective control practices. Without this tool, Florida citrus growers are expected to experience significant economic losses due to the severity of this invasive disease and vector complex.

The Applicant proposes to make no more than two applications of clothianidin at a maximum rate of 0.4 lb. a.i./A (24.0 fl. oz per acre) per 12-month period on up to 125,376 acres of immature (3–5 years old) citrus grown in Florida from February 1, 2024, to February 1, 2025. A total of 25,037 lbs. active ingredient of clothianidin may be used on the maximum acreage 125,376 at the highest application rate.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing FIFRA section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing a use which is supported by the Inter-

Regional Project Number (IR-4) program that has been requested in 5 or more previous years, and for which a complete application for registration of that use and/or petition for tolerance of residues in or on the commodity has not yet been submitted to the Agency. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

In 2011, the FDACS submitted a petition for tolerance to EPA that was subsequently withdrawn, and an application/petition has not been resubmitted to the Agency. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application. EPA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemption requested by the FDACS.

*Authority:* 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: December 20, 2023.

**Charles Smith,**

*Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0830; FRL-11643-01-ORD]

### Availability of the BMD Model Code and BMD Modeling Output Files for the Draft IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic; Notice of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a public comment period on the benchmark dose (BMD) model code and BMD modeling output files associated with the Draft IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic. The original **Federal Register** notice associated with the draft IRIS inorganic arsenic assessment was published on October 16, 2023, and closed on December 15, 2023. After reviewing the comments received on the draft assessment, EPA is opening an additional public comment period on the BMD model code and the BMD modeling output files that were not accessible by the public during the original comment period due to a technical issue. For submissions received during this public comment period, EPA will only address comments on the BMD model code and

BMD modeling output files, which are available at: <https://gaftp.epa.gov/EPADDataCommons/ORD/DRAFTiAsToxReview/>.

**DATES:** The 15-day public comment period begins December 29, 2023 and ends January 16, 2024. Comments must be received on or before January 16, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The BMD model code and BMD modeling output files for the draft IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic are available via the internet on <https://gaftp.epa.gov/EPADDataCommons/ORD/DRAFTiAsToxReview/> and also accessible through the IRIS website [www.epa.gov/iris](http://www.epa.gov/iris).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public comment period, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

For technical information related to the BMD model code and BMD modeling output files for the draft IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic or for issues related accessing the files, contact Ms. Vicki Soto, CPHEA; telephone: 202-564-3077; or email: [soto.vicki@epa.gov](mailto:soto.vicki@epa.gov). The IRIS Program will provide updates through the IRIS website (<https://www.epa.gov/iris>) and via EPA's IRIS listserv. To register for the IRIS listserv, visit the IRIS website (<https://www.epa.gov/iris>) or visit <https://www.epa.gov/iris/forms/staying-connected-integrated-risk-information-system#connect>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** How to Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0830 for the BMD model code and BMD modeling output files for the draft inorganic arsenic IRIS assessment, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).
- *Fax:* 202-566-9744.
- *Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (ORD Docket), Mail .

*Code:* 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.

For information on visiting the EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202-566-1744. The public can submit comments via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments on the BMD model code and BMD modeling output files to docket number EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0830 for Inorganic Arsenic IRIS Assessment.

Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information for which disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at [www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm).

**Docket:** Documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or as a hard copy