



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### **Pesticide Registration Review; Pesticide Dockets Opened for Review and Comment; Notice of Availability**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the EPA's work plans and registration review case dockets for the following chemicals: Nucleopolyhedroviruses and Granuloviruses (Insect Viruses). EPA is opening a 60-day public comment period for these work plans and case dockets.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0720, 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:** *For pesticide specific information, contact:* The Chemical Review Manager for the pesticide of interest identified in Table 1 of Unit IV.

*For general questions on the registration review program, contact:* Melanie Biscoe, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 566-0701; email address: [biscoe.melanie@epa.gov](mailto:biscoe.melanie@epa.gov).

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. General Information**

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

This notice is directed to the public in general and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm worker, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the Chemical Review Manager identified in Table 1 of Unit IV.

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

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to the EPA through 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 the 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/commenting-epa-dockets>.

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 pesticides discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

## **II. Background**

Registration review is the EPA's periodic review of pesticide registrations to ensure that each pesticide continues to satisfy the statutory standard for registration, that is, the pesticide can perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment. Registration review dockets contain information that will assist the public in understanding the types of information and issues that the agency may consider during registration reviews. As part of the registration review process, the Agency has completed preliminary workplans for all pesticides listed in Table 1 in Unit IV. EPA initiates a registration review by establishing a public docket for a pesticide registration review case. The docket contains a Preliminary Work Plan (PWP) summarizing information EPA has on the pesticide and the anticipated path forward. Through this program, the EPA is ensuring that each pesticide's registration is based on current scientific and other knowledge, including its effects on human health and the environment.

## **III. Authority**

EPA is conducting its registration review of the chemicals listed in Table 1 of Unit I pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) section 3(g) (7 U.S.C. 136a(g)) and the Procedural Regulations for Registration Review at 40 CFR part 155, subpart C. FIFRA section 3(g) provides, among other things, that pesticide registrations are to be reviewed every 15 years. Consistent with 40 CFR 155.57, in its final registration review decision, EPA will ultimately determine whether a pesticide continues to meet the registration standard in FIFRA section 3(c)(5) (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(5)).

## **IV. Registration Review**

*A. What action is the agency taking?*

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.50(b), this notice announces the availability of the EPA’s work plans and registration review case dockets for the pesticides shown in Table 1 and opens a 60-day public comment period on the work plans and case dockets.

**Table 1. Work Plans Being Made Available for Public Comment**

<b>Registration Review Case Name and Number</b>	<b>Docket ID Number</b>	<b>Chemical Review Manager and Contact Information</b>
Nucleopolyhedroviruses and Granuloviruses (Insect Viruses) Case Number 4106	EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0436	Jennifer Odom-Douglas <i>odomdouglas.jennifer@epa.gov</i> (202) 566-1536

*B. Docket Content*

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.50, EPA initiates a registration review by establishing a public docket for a pesticide registration review case. Registration review dockets contain information that will assist the public in understanding the types of information and issues that the Agency has consider during registration review. Consistent with 40 CFR 155.50(a), these dockets may include information from the Agency’s files including, but not limited to, an overview of the registration review case status, a list of current product registrations and registrants, any *Federal Register* notices regarding any pending registration actions, any *Federal Register* notices regarding current or pending tolerances, risk assessments, bibliographies concerning current registrations, summaries of incident data, and any other pertinent data or information. EPA includes in these dockets a Preliminary Work Plan (PWP), and in some cases a continuing work plan (CWP), summarizing information EPA has on the pesticide and the anticipated path forward.

Consistent with 40 CFR 155.50(b), EPA provides for at least a 60-day public comment period on work plans and registration review dockets. This comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for public input and a mechanism for initiating any necessary changes to a pesticide’s workplan. During this public comment period, the Agency is asking that interested persons identify any additional information they believe the agency should consider during the

registration reviews of these pesticides. The Agency identifies in each docket the areas where public comment is specifically requested, though comment in any area is welcome.

All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES** and must be received by the EPA on or before the closing date. These comments will become part of the docket for the pesticides included in Table 1 of Unit I. The Agency will consider all comments received by the closing date and may respond to comments in a “Response to Comments Memorandum” in the docket or the Final Work Plan (FWP), as appropriate.

For additional background on the registration review program, see:

*<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-reevaluation>.*

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

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