



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-3951; FRL-13212-01-OCSP]

### Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request (December 2025)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's receipt of an application 92643-EUP-R from Google LLC, requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the *Wolbachia pipientis* wAlbB contained in live adult *Culex quinquefasciatus* male mosquitoes (DQB Strain). The Agency has determined that the permit may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, because of the potential significance, EPA is seeking comments on this application.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-3951, 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 on and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, are available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Each application summary in Unit II. specifies a contact division. The appropriate division contacts are identified as follows: BPPD (Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division) (7511M); Shannon Borges; main telephone number: (202) 566-1400; email address: [BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov](mailto:BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov). The mailing address for each contact person is Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200

Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001. As part of the mailing address, include the contact person's name, division, and mail code. The division to contact is listed at the end of each application summary.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. General Information**

#### *A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those people who conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

#### *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](https://www.epa.gov/regulations) 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 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>.

### **II. What Action is the Agency Taking?**

Under section 5 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136c, EPA can allow manufacturers to field test pesticides under development. Manufacturers are required to obtain an EUP before testing new pesticides or new uses of pesticides if they conduct experimental field tests on 10 acres or more of land or one acre or more of water.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency has determined that the following EUP application may be of regional and national significance, and therefore is seeking public comment on the EUP application:

*Experimental Use Permit Number:* 92643-EUP-R. *Docket ID Number:* EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-3951. *Submitter:* Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043. *Pesticide Chemical:* *Wolbachia pipientis* wAlbB Contained in Live Adult *Culex quinquefasciatus* Male Mosquitoes (DQB Strain). *Summary of Request:* Google LLC is proposing to use up to 14.080 mg of the active ingredient *Wolbachia pipientis* wAlbB Contained in Live Adult *Culex quinquefasciatus* Male Mosquitoes (DQB Strain) for two years in California and Florida. In Florida, up to 16,000,000 DQB Male Mosquitoes are proposed to be released in year 1, and up to 16,000,000 released in year 2. In California, up to 16,000,000 are proposed to be released in year 1, and up to 16,000,000 released in year 2. Proposed testing will include the states of California and Florida to generate data to support a Section 3 product registration application under FIFRA. *Date of Receipt:* June 27, 2025. *Contact:* BPPD.

Following the review of the application and any comments and data received in response to this solicitation, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted. Any issuance of an EUP will be announced in the *Federal Register*.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a.

Dated: May 1, 2026.

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