

Environmental Protection Agency

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(d) *How must a State inform EPA of revisions to its containment regulations?* Any state that has received authorization to continue implementing its state containment regulations must inform EPA by letter signed by the designated State Lead Agency within 6 months of any revision to the State's containment regulations. EPA will inform the state by letter if it determines that the State's containment regulations are no longer adequate based on the revisions. The State's containment regulations will remain in effect, unless and until EPA sends the state a letter making this determination.

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 166.1 Purpose and organization.

(a) *Purpose and scope.* Section 18 of the Act authorizes the Administrator to exempt State and Federal agencies from any provision of the Act, if he determines that emergency conditions exist which require an exemption. The regulations in this part establish procedures whereby the Administrator may exempt a Federal or State agency from the provisions of the Act which regulate the manner in which a pesticide is made available for use or is used.

(b) *Organization.* (1) The provisions in subpart A of this part describe the four types of emergency exemptions authorized by the Agency and define terms used in this part.

(2) Subpart B of this part establishes procedures and criteria for specific, quarantine, and public health exemptions.

(3) Subpart C of this part establishes procedures and criteria for crisis exemptions.

§ 166.2 Types of exemptions.

There are four types of emergency exemptions which may be authorized: specific, quarantine, public health, and crisis exemptions.

(a) *Specific exemption.* A specific exemption may be authorized in an emergency condition to avert:

- (1) A significant economic loss; or
- (2) A significant risk to:
 - (i) Endangered species,
 - (ii) Threatened species,
 - (iii) Beneficial organisms, or
 - (iv) The environment.

(b) *Quarantine exemption.* A quarantine exemption may be authorized in an emergency condition to control the introduction or spread of any pest that is an invasive species, or is otherwise new to or not theretofore known to be widely prevalent or distributed within and throughout the United States and its territories.

(c) *Public health exemption.* A public health exemption may be authorized in an emergency condition to control a