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OFFICE OF PREVENTION, PESTICIDES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Kathryn Ingram Regulatory Specialist Ashland Specialty Chemical Company One Drew Plaza Boonton, NJ 07005

Subject: **Biosperse 244** EPA Registration Number: 1757-71 Application Dated: June 11, 2009 Receipt Date: June 16, 2009

Dear Ms. Ingram:

The following amendments, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended is acceptable.

# **Proposed Amendment**

Revised label per Notice of Re-registration dated 12/17/08

# **General Comments**

A stamped label is enclosed for your records.

Should you have further questions concerning this letter, please contact me by telephone at (703) 308-6427 or by e-mail at <u>carlisle.sharon@epa.gov</u> or Lisa McKelvin by telephone at (703) 308-7496 or by email at <u>mckelvin.lisa@epa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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ShaRon Carlisle (Acting) Product Manager 34 Regulatory Management Branch II Antimicrobials Division (7510P)

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# BIOSPERSE<sup>®</sup> 244

Microbiocide FOR INDUSTRIAL USE

ACTIVE INGREDIENT	
2,2-dibromo-3-nitrilopropionamide	20.0%
INERT INGREDIENTS*	<u>80.0%</u>
TOTAL	100.0%

\*Inert ingredients includes solubilizing and dispersing agents.

# KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN DANGER

FIRST AID

IF IN EYES	Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
IF INHALED	Move the person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.
IF SWALLOWED	Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
IF ON SKIN	Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
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Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.

For emergency information on BIOSPERSE 244, call the National Pesticides Information Center at 1-800-858-7378, 6:30AM to 4:30PM Pacific Time (PT), seven days a week. During other times, call the poison control center 1-800-222-1222.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.

SEE SIDE PANEL FOR ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

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FOR INDUSTRY USE

# PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS DANGER

**CORROSIVE**: Causes irreversible eye damage. May be fatal if inhaled or swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. When loading or handling wear protective eyewear (goggles or face shield), long-sleeved shirt and long pants, socks, shoes, chemically resistant gloves and a NIOSH approved respirator. Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum or using tobacco. Remove and wash contaminated separated from other before reuse.

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

\* coveralls over long-sleeved shirt and long pants,

\* socks and chemical-resistant footwear,

\* goggles or face shield, and

\* chemical resistant gloves (such as barrier laminate or butyl nitrile/neoprene rubber, PVC, or viton).

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

When handlers use closed metering systems the handler requirements may be reduced or modified to long-sleeve shirt, long pants, shoes and socks.

# USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Users must wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet. Users must remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing. Users must remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

# ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This pesticide is toxic to fish and wildlife. Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer systems without previously notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance contact your State Water Board or Regional Office of the EPA. Apply this product only as specified on this label.

# APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application.

This product is effective in controlling the growth of bacteria, fungi and algae in industrial recirculating water cooling towers and evaporative condensers. It is also controls slime-forming bacteria and fungi in airwasher systems; and controls bacteria and fungi and yeasts in enhanced oil recovery systems and in metalworking fluids containing water.

# DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

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The dosage of BIOSPERSE 244 required for any specific application will depend upon a number of factors including: the nature and extent of microbiological contamination, the type and volume of the system being treated, the degree of control desired, and retention time in the system. Where necessary, your Ashland Representative will arrange for microbiological and chemical analysis, so that technical advice can be given concerning specific site problems.

#### COOLING TOWERS AND EVAPORATIVE CONDENSERS

Dosages for industrial recirculating water cooling towers will depend on the condition of the system prior to the initiation of treatment. Heavily contaminated systems should be cleaned prior to treatment. Apply BIOSPERSE 244 to the cleaned system or when growth is first noticed according to the following schedule:

#### BACTERIAL AND FUNGAL CONTROL INTERMITTENT OR SLUG FEED METHOD

Initial Dose: When the system is noticeable fouled, add 0.6 to 1.2 fluid ounces (6 – 12 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system. This dose may be repeated once, twice, or three times weekly or as required to control the growth of slime forming organisms.

Subsequent Dose: When microbial control is evident, add 0.3 to 1.2 fluid ounces (3 – 12 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system every four days, or as needed to maintain good control.

#### CONTINUOUS FEED METHOD

Initial Dose: When the system is noticeable fouled, add 0.6 to 1.2 fluid ounces (6 – 12 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system. Subsequently, maintain this level by pumping a continuous feed of 0.12 to 0.6 fluid ounces (1.2 to 6 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system lost by blowdown.

#### ALGAL CONTROL

#### INTERMITTENT OR SLUG FEED METHOD

Initial Dose: When the system is noticeably fouled, add 6.0 to 12.0 fluid ounces (60 -120 ppm) BIOPSERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system. Repeat until control is achieved. Subsequent Dose: When algal control is evident, add 4.0 to 12.0 fluid ounces (40 – 120 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system or as needed to maintain control. CONTINUOUS FEED METHOD

Initial Dose: When the system is noticeably fouled, add 6.0 to 12.0 fluid ounces (60 to 120 ppm) BIOPSERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system.

Subsequent Dose: Maintain this treatment level by pumping a continuous feed of 4.0 to 12.0 fluid ounces (40 to 120 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system.

#### AIR WASHER SYSTEMS

Add 0.15 to 12.0 fluid ounces (1.5 to 120 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system, depending upon the severity of contamination to control slime forming bacteria and fungi in industrial air washer systems.

#### INTERMITTENT OR SLUG FEED METHOD

Initial Dose: When the system is noticeably fouled, add 0.3 to 12.0 fluid ounces (3.0 to 120 ppm) BIOPSERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system. Repeat until control is achieved. Subsequent Dose: When microbial control is evident, add 0.0012 to 0.047 gallons (1.5 – 60 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system or as needed to maintain control. CONTINUOUS FEED METHOD

Initial Dose: When the system is noticeably fouled, add 0.0023 to 0.095 gallons (3.0 to 120 ppm) BIOPSERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system.

Subsequent Dose: Maintain this level by pumping a continuous feed of 0.0015 to 0.047 gallons (1.5 to 60 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of water in the system.

NOTE: For use only in industrial air washer systems that contain effective mist eliminating components.

#### ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY SYSTEMS

For controlling slime forming bacteria, sulfide producing bacteria, yeasts, and fungi in oil field water, polymer or mycellar floods, water disposal systems, or other oil flied water systems, add 1 – 80 ppm, BIOSPERSE 244 (0.08 to 6.4 gallons BIOSPERSE 244 per 2400 barrels of water) depending on the severity of contamination. Additions should be made with a metering pump either continuously or intermittently.

#### INTERMITTENT OR SLUG FEED METHOD

When the system is noticeably fouled, or to maintain control of the system, add 10 – 80 ppm BIOSPERSE 244 (0.8 to 6.4 gallons BIOSPERSE 244 per 2400 barrels of water) intermittently for 4 – 8 hours per day, and from 1 – 4 times per week or as needed depending on the severity of contamination. Addition of BIOSPERSE 244 may be made at the free water knockouts, before or after the injection pumps and injection well headers.

NOTE: For control of bacteria, yeast, and fungi in aqueous solutions of biopolymer (xanthan gum) used in flooding operations, add 15 – 80 ppm BIOSPERSE 244 (1.2 – 6.4 gallons BIOSPERSE 244 per 2400 gallons of water). Additions of BIOSPERES 244 should be made with a metering pump immediately after preparation of the aqueous biopolymer solution to prevent loss of viscosity.

# CONTINUOUS FEED METHOD

When the system is noticeably fouled, add 10 – 80 ppm BIOSPERSE 244 (0.8 – 6.4 gallons BIOSPERSE 244 per 2400 barrels of water) continuously until the desired degree of control is achieved. Subsequently, treat with 1 – 15 ppm BIOSPERSE 244 (.08 – 1.2 gallons BIOSPERSE 244 per 2400 barrels of water) continuously, or as needed to maintain control.

#### METALWORKING FLUIDS CONTAINING WATER

BIOSPERSE 244 is effective in metalworking fluid concentrates which have been diluted in water at ratios of 1:100 – 1:4

For controlling (or inhibiting) the growth of bacteria, fungi and yeasts that may deteriorate metalworking fluids containing water, add BIOSPERSE 244 to the fluid in the collection tank. Additions should be made with a metering pump.

INITIAL OR SLUG DOSE: When the system is noticeably fouled, add 32 fluid ounces (250 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of metalworking fluid in the system. Repeat until control is achieved.

SUBSEQUENT DOSE: When microbial control is evident, add 12.8 to 25.6 fluid ounces (100 to 200 ppm) BIOSPERSE 244 per each 1000 gallons of metalworking fluid per day, or as needed to maintain control. Additions cam be made continuously or intermittently. Slug feed the system as required.

FEEDING: BIOSPERSE 244 may be fed directly from the drum or diluted with water and fed by any suitable feed system. BIOSPERSE 244 should be dosed directly into the sump or basin or any other location where good distributions can be assured.

The following construction materials are acceptable for feeding BIOSPERSE 244:

Titanium, solid Kynar<sup>1</sup>, solid Teflon<sup>2</sup>

Gaskets:

Pumps:

Chlorinated polyethylene, Viton<sup>2</sup>, Teflon, Asbestos

Pipes and Hosing: Polypropylene lined pipe, Derakane resin lined pipe, Teflon lined pipe,

Saran resin lined pipe, braided reinforced Teflon hosing.

The use of uncoated or unlined stainless steel is not recommended.

When required, your Ashland Representative will arrange for microbiological and chemical analyses and offer technical advice concerning your specific problems.

#### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal

PESTICIDE STORAGE: Avoid dilution with water. To maintain product quality, store at temperatures below 60°C. Keep container tightly closed when not in use.

PESTICDE DISPOSAL: Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your Sate Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance. Do not reuse empty container.

CONTAINER HANDLING: Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Triple rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Offer for reconditioning, if appropriate. Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container ¼ full with water. Replace and tighten closures Tip container on its side and toll it back and forth, ensuring at least one complete revolution, for 30 seconds. Stand the container on its end and tip it back and forth several times. Turn the container over onto its other end and tip it back and forth several times. Empty the rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Repeat this procedure two more times.

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