

The EPA is seeking public comment on a draft Pesticide Registration Notice (PRN) that proposes guidance to applicants and registrants concerning product performance (efficacy) and labeling for “mold-related” antimicrobial pesticide products. Mold-related pesticides are antimicrobial pesticides that bear a label claim to inhibit or destroy mold or mildew growth on hard, nonporous and porous surfaces in indoor environments.

Certain molds can cause a variety of adverse health effects, and the EPA wants to ensure that consumers have better product information with which to make an informed choice when selecting mold-related products that best suit their needs. For example, after a hurricane, consumers and first responders should be able to better understand which mold-related products are right for the job. Once implemented, this guidance should improve protection of public health through proper labeling of mold-related pesticides and by ensuring label claims are supported by valid efficacy data.

The agency registers a wide variety of mold-related pesticides products used for mold remediation and mold prevention, and products used in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) systems. The draft notice explains when the agency would expect to require applicants or registrants to submit efficacy data in support of the label claims of certain mold-related pesticides. The draft notice also describes labeling of mold-related pesticides so that products intended only for aesthetic purposes would be clearly distinguishable from products intended for public health purposes.

The EPA is requesting comments on the draft Pesticide Registration Notice. Comments can be submitted at www.regulations.gov in Docket ID # [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0539](https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0539) until February 11, 2013.

The draft Pesticide Registration Notice is located at www.regulations.gov at [Document ID # EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0539-0081](https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0539-0081) .

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Comment Period Open for Proposed Guidance on Antimicrobial Pesticide Products with Mold-Related Labels

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