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Persons holding State Registrations for pesticide products not registered under Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) must submit a completed "Notice of Application for Federal Registration for an Intrastate Pesticide Product" within 60 days of promulgation (made into law) of regulations under Section 3 of amended FIFRA. Director of EPA's registration division, John B. Ritch, Jr., also said, that failure to file notice would otherwise result in such pesticide products no longer being lawfully shipped after that period. Promulgation of Section 3 regulations is expected on or before December 1, 1974. First formal notice concerning intrastate pesticides appeared in the Federal Register on September 17, 1974.

New OSHA rules setting procedures for the submission and consideration of certain required changes in state plans for their job safety and health programs must contain assurances that as changes are made in federal programs, corresponding changes will be made by the states. OSHA will require state program change supplements be submitted for approval whenever alterations in the federal program could have adverse impact on the "at least as effective as" status of a state program. Examples of such changes in the federal program covered by the new rules include: promulgation or modification of standards, including emergency temporary standards; revision in enforcement policies or procedures; legislative or regulatory changes including recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The new rules became effective September 12, 1974, date of publication in the Federal Register.

Surfactant prices continue rising. ICI United States announced average price increases of seven cents per pound for more than 200 of its surfactants. Increases range from 1/2¢ per pound to 38¢ per pound, depending on the individual item.

Monsanto Company plans to build a facility to commercially produce Roundup herbicide at its Luling, La., plant site. Company officials said, completion of the multi-million-dollar unit is expected by mid-1976.

In other industry expansions; Agrico Chemical Company and Farmland Industries announced that their new 1,250-ton fertilizer plant would be located in Enid, Oklahoma. Construction is expected to begin immediately with completion in late 1976. Farmland will operate the facility under a management agreement with Agrico.

A new plant for the production of Fumazone nematicide in Magnolia, Ark., was announced by Dow Chemical U.S.A. John Weseloh, product marketing manager, said the plant will have an annual production capacity of 40 million pounds and should be in operation by January, 1976. Manufacture of Fumazone requires large amounts of bromine, which Dow already produces at Magnolia.