

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-4216; FRL-13288-01-OCSP]

Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request (February 2026)**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's receipt of an application 92643-EUP-E from Google LLC requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the *Wolbachia pipientis* wPip strain contained in live adult *Aedes albopictus* males. 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 May 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-4216, 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) (Mail Code 7511M); Shannon Borges; main telephone number: (202) 566-1400; email address: BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov.

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.regulations.gov) 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-E. *Docket ID Number:* EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-4216. *Submitter:* Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043. *Pesticide Chemical:* *Wolbachia pipientis* wPip strain contained in live adult *Ae. Albopictus* males. *Summary of Request:* Google LLC is requesting an experimental use permit for the active ingredient (AI) *Wolbachia pipientis* wPip strain contained in live adult *Ae. Albopictus* male mosquitoes for three years in New Jersey, and two years in California and Florida. In 2026, up to 16,000,000 Debug albo male mosquitoes are proposed to be released over an area of up to 800 acres, with a total active ingredient of up to 8,480 mg, in New Jersey. In 2027 and 2028, up to 16,000,000 Debug albo male mosquitoes are proposed to be released over an area

of up to 800 acres, with a total active ingredient of up to 8,480 mg per state, in New Jersey, California, and Florida. The purpose of this EUP is to gather efficacy data on the success of Debug albo males (mosquitoes) mating with wild-type *Aedes albopictus* females, which can lead to population suppression. *Date of Receipt:* October 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: April 15, 2026.

Edward Messina,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 26-05]

Worldlog, LLC dba WCM Worldwide, Complainant v. United Cargo Management, Inc., Respondent; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint has been filed with the Federal Maritime Commission (the "Commission") by Worldlog, LLC dba WCM Worldwide (the "Complainant") against United Cargo Management, Inc. (the "Respondent"). Complainant states that the Commission has subject-matter jurisdiction over this Complaint pursuant to the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended, 46 U.S.C. 40101 *et seq.*, and personal jurisdiction over Respondent as a regulated and licensed ocean transportation intermediary and non-vessel-operating common carrier, as defined in 46 U.S.C. 40102(17) and (19).

Complainant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Wyoming with its principal place of business in Charleston, South Carolina.

Complainant identifies Respondent as a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of California with its principal place of business in Norwalk, California.

Complainant alleges that Respondent violated 46 U.S.C. 41102(d), 41103, 41104(a)(4)(E) and 46 CFR 515.31(e). Complainant alleges these violations arose from Respondent's attempt to collect ocean freight charges from customers of Complainant, who had

already paid in full, as a form of retaliation; unlawful disclosure of confidential service contract information; purposeful filing of lawsuits and federal claims instead of seeking Commission dispute resolution or other mediation services; and other acts or omissions by Respondent.

An answer to the complaint must be filed with the Commission within 25 days after the date of service.

The full text of the complaint can be found in the Commission's electronic Reading Room at <https://www2.fmc.gov/readingroom/proceeding/26-05/>. This proceeding has been assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judges. The initial decision of the presiding judge shall be issued by April 15, 2027, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by October 29, 2027.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 41301; 46 CFR 502.61(c).)

Served: April 15, 2026.

David Eng,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10242 and CMS-1771]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of

the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by May 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Emergency Ambulance Transports and Beneficiary Signature; *Use:* The statutory authority requiring a beneficiary's signature on a claim submitted by a provider is located

in section 1835(a) and in 1814(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act), for Part B and Part A services, respectively. The authority requiring a beneficiary's signature for supplier claims is implicit in sections 1842(b)(3)(B)(ii) and in 1848(g)(4) of the Act. Federal regulations at 42 CFR 424.32(a)(3) state that all claims must be signed by the beneficiary or on behalf of the Beneficiary (in accordance with 424.36). Section 424.36(a) states that the beneficiary's signature is required on a claim unless the beneficiary has died or the provisions of 424.36(b), (c), or (d) apply.

For emergency and nonemergency ambulance transport services, where the beneficiary is physically or mentally incapable of signing the claim (and the beneficiary's authorized representative is unavailable or unwilling to sign the claim), that it is impractical and infeasible to require an ambulance provider or supplier to later locate the beneficiary or the person authorized to sign on behalf of the beneficiary, before submitting the claim to Medicare for payment. Therefore, an exception was created to the beneficiary signature requirement with respect to emergency and nonemergency ambulance transport services, where the beneficiary is physically or mentally incapable of signing the claim, and if certain documentation requirements are met. Thus, we added subsection (6) to paragraph (b) of 42 CFR 424.36. The information required in this ICR is needed to help ensure that services were in fact rendered and were rendered as billed. *Form Number:* CMS-10242 (OMB control number: 0938-1049); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private sector, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profits institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 10,278; *Total Annual Responses:* 9,265,931; *Total Annual Hours:* 771,852. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Frederick Grabau at 410-786-0206.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; *Title:* Emergency and Foreign Hospital Services and Supporting Regulation in 42 CFR 424.103; *Use:* Section 1866 of the Social Security Act states that any provider of services shall be qualified to participate in the Medicare program and shall be eligible for payments under Medicare if it files an agreement with the Secretary to meet the conditions outlined in this section of the Act. Section 1814(d)(1) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 424.100, allows payment of Medicare benefits for a Medicare beneficiary to a