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Dear Fellow EFEDers,

Today marks the end of 3rd quarter of the fiscal year. This past Wednesday during our management meeting we had a quarterly review and I wanted to share some of the highlights and some of my impressions of the tremendous amount of work that you all do. In addition to being the end of the quarter, as some of you may have heard, I will be going on vacation for the next two weeks. I am very excited (not trying to gloat here – happy dance!), and wanted share some personal reflections as I get ready to decompress and focus on relaxing at the beach for 2 weeks!

3rd Q Highlights:

This is in no way intended to be comprehensive, but just a few of the highlights from last quarter.

Registration and Registration Review

Two new chemical assessments were completed – cyclaniliprole and rinskor. In each case the team worked through complex issues and delivered high quality, appropriately refined and characterized assessments to support the registration decisions. Cyclaniliprole had a full suite of pollinator data and the team's analysis led to a well-informed science-based risk management decision that will allow growers access to an insecticide that has a superior overall risk profile to that of many of its alternatives, while protecting honey bees and other pollinators. Rinskor is an aquatic herbicide used to control problematic invasive species (e.g., hydrilla, Eurasian watermilfoil, and crested floating heart). The team appropriately refined the assessment based

on toxicity information about degradates and fully characterized the risk to support a sound registration decision. In addition to the finalization of the new chemical assessments 27 new use assessments were completed in the quarter. For registration review, 12 draft risk assessments were completed this quarter and we provided support for 7 preliminary interim decisions.

Pollinator Protection

This past quarter we formed a pollinator team charged with considering waiver requests, protocol reviews and developing an analysis plan for understanding the relationships between acute and chronic toxicities of pesticides to adults and larvae and different species (e.g., honey bees and bumble bees) and whether data on adults are needed or useful for chemicals such as insect growth regulators, which target specific growth stages. We also organized and participated remotely in an all-day OECD pollinator seminar consisting of formal presentations and facilitated discussions addressing broad regulatory issues related to pollinator safety and protection. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Endangered Species Assessments

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Drinking Water Assessments

Just this past Wednesday we hosted the bi-annual EMPM meeting which focused on subsurface metabolism as an important science area for refining our understanding of pesticide occurrence in groundwater drinking water sources. While there were some technical challenges, the participants had a meaningful exchange of technical information. Impacting our drinking water and eco aquatic assessments, we finalized our guidance on using the daily average concentration for acute assessments as is supported by the toxicity information we have for our assessments.

Enhance Efficiencies and Consistency and Improve Customer Interactions

We planned for and executed the EFED training program. This was an EFED-wide effort to ensure that our newer staff have the training that they need to perform their duties. In addition to the in person feedback that was received, the team will be considering survey results to design future training modules. We initiated quarterly branch chief meetings with the HED branch chiefs to ensure cross-divisional collaboration. We also started bi-quarterly meetings with PRD management to ensure coordination and collaboration in support of registration review.

Other news:

As you all are aware, our colleague and friend Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Personal Reflection

We have transitioned to another season and while we had some beautiful spring-like weather this week, I am expecting a hot and humid mosquito filled summer. With the end of the school year I have been able to have a slower pace at home- no nagging about homework, no soccer practice, no clarinet in the evenings. I've enjoyed this slower pace with evenings at the pool, after dinner walks to the park and chasing fire flies. I am looking forward to my break over the next two weeks. I hope that you all find time to slow down, do your own reflection and enjoy some quality time with family in friends this season.

Sincerely,

Marietta