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CHLORPYRIFOS

ISSUE/TOPIC: What is the status of Chlorpyrifos in the pesticide re-evaluation process?

BACKGROUND:

- In September 2007, the Pesticide Action Network of North America (PANNA) and Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) submitted a petition seeking revocation of all tolerances and cancellation of all Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) registrations of products containing the insecticide chlorpyrifos.

- Through the pesticide re-evaluation program, EPA conducted risk assessments in 2011, 2014, and 2015 that incorporated methodologies as the science has advanced. In October 2015, EPA proposed to revoke all food residue tolerances for chlorpyrifos.

- EPA took most of the complex and novel science questions raised in the petition to the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) for review several times. Specifically, EPA requested the SAP to review new worker and non-occupational exposure methods, experimental toxicology and epidemiology, risk assessment approaches for semi-volatile pesticides, and the evaluation of a pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic model.

- *Accomplishments.* Considering SAP's recommendations, EPA issued a Notice of Data Availability in November 2016 on a revised human health risk assessment.

- EPA issued the order denying the PANNA-NRDC petition on March 29, 2017, based on scientific uncertainty.

- In January 2017, EPA initiated formal consultation under the Endangered Species Act with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

- *Congressional Inquiries.* In a letter to Administrator Pruitt on March 31, 2017, Senator Carper requested copies of pertinent documents related to EPA's petition denial. In late April, Senator Warren and Rep. Pallone sent a letter to the EPA Inspector General asking for an investigation into the agency's decision to deny the PANNA-NRDC petition.

TALKING POINTS:

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- **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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