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Hi Rick and Ed,

Here is a desk statement on the Section 18 for clothianidin. Upon your approval I will send forward to OCSPP IO.

Desk Statement: EPA Grants Emergency Use of Clothianidin to Combat Citrus Greening in Texas

To control the spread of citrus greening, EPA has granted emergency use of clothianidin in Texas for this year. This is the fourth year Texas has received this authorization.

Clothianidin controls the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP), the insect that transmits Huanglongbing (HLB) or citrus greening disease. Citrus greening is considered the most serious citrus disease worldwide and has affected citrus-producing counties in Florida and California.

EPA determined that there were no effective alternative pesticides available for season-long protection of young citrus trees. EPA also concluded that an urgent, non-routine situation exists that would likely cause Texas citrus growers to experience significant economic losses.

EPA's risk assessments demonstrate no risks of concern for farmworkers and the public. Notably, concerning pollinator safety, uses may only take place after petal fall, to minimize clothianidin exposure to pollinators.

Background:

Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) authorizes EPA to allow emergency exemptions for unregistered uses of pesticides to address emergency conditions. Under such an exemption, EPA allows limited use of the pesticide in defined geographic areas for a finite period of time once EPA confirms the situation meets the statutory definition of "emergency condition." More information is available at www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/pesticide-emergency-exemptions

Separate from this emergency use action, clothianidin, along with other neonicotinoids, is currently in EPA's registration review process. The comment period on the proposed interim decisions closed on May 4, 2020. EPA will now review the comments received to inform the interim registration review decisions.

Citrus growers will support this but environmental organizations, especially those that are focused on pollinators, will oppose this emergency use.

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