Message

From: Khan, Matthew [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=4AF7F75B80A04777B4F8D4EB5C4D941D-KHAN, MATTH]
Sent: 5/4/2020 7:59:08 PM
To: Friedman, Dana [Friedman.Dana@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NEONICOTINOIDS: AAPCO Public Comment Period Extension Request

Okay, thank you Dana.

From: Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Khan, Matthew <khan.matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NEONICOTINOIDS: AAPCO Public Comment Period Extension Request

It definitely can, though it's not our preference – I'm pretty sure it requires a FR notice.

From: Khan, Matthew <khan.matthew@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NEONICOTINOIDS: AAPCO Public Comment Period Extension Request

Thank you Dana. Out of unfamiliarity, can a comment period close and reopen?

Thanks again,

Matt

From: Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Khan, Matthew <khan.matthew@epa.gov>; Jones, Ricardo <Jones.Ricardo@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: NEONICOTINOIDS: AAPCO Public Comment Period Extension Request

FYI

From: Reaves, Elissa <Reaves.Elissa@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>; Smith, Charles <Smith.Charles@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: NEONICOTINOIDS: AAPCO Public Comment Period Extension Request

I head briefly from Rick and he said he did hear that some states are having difficulty b/c they do not have telework options in place. So Rick will talk with Alex tonight. Stay tuned.

Elissa Reaves, Ph.D.
Acting Director
Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division
Office of Pesticide Programs
703-305-0312

From: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:27 PM

To: Reaves, Elissa <Reaves.Elissa@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NEONICOTINOIDS: AAPCO Public Comment Period Extension Request

Let me chat with Alex. I realize that the comment period closes tonight. Depending upon what she says, we may need to prepare an FRN that reopens the comment period.

From: Reaves, Elissa <Reaves.Elissa@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: NEONICOTINOIDS: AAPCO Public Comment Period Extension Request
Importance: High

Rick, we received a request late Friday for an additional 45-day extension by Bayer and Syngenta. See attached. The additional 30-day extension expires tonight. The only rationale in attached is covid-19.

Elissa Reaves, Ph.D.
Acting Director
Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division
Office of Pesticide Programs
703-305-0312

From: Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Reaves, Elissa <Reaves.Elissa@epa.gov>
Cc: Smith, Charles <Smith.Charles@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: NEONICOTINOIDS: AAPCO Public Comment Period Extension Request
Importance: High

Elissa, I think this needs input above my level given the commenters and the justification for extension. Please advise.

From: Khan, Matthew <khan.matthew@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 8:50 AM
To: Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
Subject: NEONICOTINOIDS: AAPCO Public Comment Period Extension Request
Importance: High

Hi Dana,

As you know, the public comment period for the neonicotinoids concludes tonight. On Friday, Bayer and Syngenta asked if the agency intended to extend the public comment period an additional 45 days in response to a request from AAPCO (see attached). For reference, this comment came in on Friday, May 1, 2020. At the time, I advised Bayer and Syngenta that the agency did not have plans to extend the comment period. Is this still the case?

Thank you,

Matt

Matthew B. Khan
Chemical Review Manager
Pesticide Re-evaluation Division
Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA
Phone: 703-347-8613

khan.matthew@epa.gov