FY 2022 CONGRESSIONAL HEARING FACT SHEET
SERESTO PET COLLAR INCIDENTS AND EPA's REGULATION OF PET PRODUCTS

BACKGROUND:

- Seresto is a dog and cat collar designed to kill fleas, ticks and lice and contains flumethrin and imidacloprid.
- It was first registered in 2012 with the company Bayer. It is now owned by Elanco.
- The collar is also used on Arizona tribal lands and has successfully reduced the number of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever infections in local tribal communities.
- Since it was registered in 2012, there have been over 86,000 incidents reported on the collar.
- Seresto is registered in the EU; however, the Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) declined to register the collar during their review.
- Recently there have been numerous press inquiries on the Seresto pet incidents as well as congressional inquiries from the Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy and Senator Bernard Sanders.

KEY POINTS:

- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
- The incidents range in severity from small rashes to pet death. Incidents are rated for plausibility from unlikely that the collar caused the incident to probable.
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- OPP staff are working across the federal agency community to ensure the best analyses of these products are possible. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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TALKING POINTS:

- The safety of all pesticide products is of highest priority to the agency. We work every day to ensure that products in the marketplace are safe.
- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
- EPA encourages pet owners to discuss with their veterinarian whether flea and tick control is needed for their pets, which type of control product they should use if one is

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needed, to read the entire label before using the recommended pesticide product, and to follow all directions carefully, including monitoring the pet after application to see if side effects occur. If side effects develop, the label tells the consumer to consult the pet's veterinarian immediately.