Desk statement:

EPA understands that pets are part of the family in many American households, and the Agency is committed to following the science and the law as we work on this issue and pursue our mission [redacted]

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

On [date], EPA sent letters to Elanco and Bayer, the current and former registrants for Seresto pet collars, respectively, reiterating their legally required duty under FIFRA to provide the Agency with information regarding unreasonable adverse effects, including adverse reactions and deaths, and sales data for their registered pet products. This additional information is more extensive than that routinely reported by pesticide product registrants to EPA's Incident Data System and includes detailed sales data, data on annual incident rates, and any incidents reported in other countries where the collars are sold. The information is due to EPA within 30 days of the date of the letter and will help EPA better characterize the nature and scale of the incidents reported.

EPA will review the additional information received by Elanco and Bayer and use it to [redacted] the continued registration of these pet collars still meets the legally required standard of no unreasonable adverse on the environment, taking into account the economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits of the use of the pesticide. Upon completing the analysis and assessment, EPA may take further action, if needed.

EPA always encourages consumers to read and follow all pesticide product labels. Product labels are the law, and they are a vital part of EPA's efforts to ensure that consumers have the information they need to they need to legally and effectively use EPA-approved pesticide products with no unreasonable effects.

Consumers whose pets experience adverse reactions with use of a Seresto pet collar should remove the collar from the pet, contact their veterinarian, and may also contact the [HYPERLINK "https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnpic.orst.edu%2F&data=04%7C01%7CDunton.Cheryl%40epa.gov%7C38570347bc3940fa9ff308d909ae2e29%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637551465960157349%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vbdZKpX8TUkKDDmyz5tG4pYyGpdQnU7c20aMtDZfMyg%3D&reserved=0"], an EPA information-sharing partner that has staff who are specially trained in responding to pesticide exposure incidents, including those involving pets. Consumers whose pets experienced an adverse reaction from the Seresto pet collar should also report the incident to the EPA at www.epa.gov/pets. These reported incidents inform EPA's risk analyses and its decision-making on the product's registration and labeling.