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Subject: RE: Press inquiry: Glyphosate on LL GT27 soybeans

Erin Koch and Ben Wakefield. I chatted briefly with Erin and will forward the background e-mails to her.

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Have not yet run by OGC. Who is the OGC contact for glyphosate? Thanks!

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I think the response makes sense. Has anyone run it by OGC?

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Hi Enid,
I have no comments. I'm cc'ing Amy Blankinship for her awareness only because glyphosate is in her branch and they are working on many different actions. Thanks.
Reuben

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Subject: Press inquiry: Glyphosate on LL GT27 soybeans
Importance: High

Hi Royan and Reuben,

I have been working with RD on responding to a press inquiry about whether it is permissible to apply glyphosate to LL GT27 soybeans this year. Royan had mentioned that this topic had also recently come up in your discussions. Please review the RD-approved response below and let me know if you have any additional comments by noon today. Thank you!

Incoming:

I need some clarification from EPA on what herbicides are legal to apply to LL GT27 soybeans this year. We are hearing that one company, Bayer, is telling farmers and educators that it is not legal to apply glyphosate post-emergence to LL GT27 soybeans, which were developed to tolerate glyphosate and glufosinate applications, post-emergence.

On the other side, some Extension educators are telling growers that it IS legal to apply glyphosate post-emergence to these soybeans, either alone or in a tank mix with glufosinate. https://agfaxweedsolutions.com/2019/02/06/ohio-the-ll-gt27-soybean-whats-legal-to-spray-and-when/

What is EPA's guidance on this issue?

Follow-up from the reporter. Thanks in advance for any update:

"What is EPA's response to this question? I now have Bayer, the registrant of Roundup herbicides, saying that it is not legal for farmers to apply any Roundup products over the top of GT27 soybeans.

Is this correct? Are farmers still permitted to apply generic glyphosate products to GT27 soybeans, post-emergence?"

Draft Response:

Users should refer to the labels of specific products for their registered uses. Regardless of the product name (i.e., RoundUp or otherwise), if the label states the product is for over-the-top use on glyphosate-resistant soybeans, it can be used on any soybean that has a glyphosate-resistant trait, including the LL GT27 trait. However, if the label states it is for use on specific traits by name and does not include the LL GT27 as one of those traits, then it could only be used on the traits specifically listed on the label and it would be not be permissible to be used on LL GT27 soybeans. Ultimately, users must comply with the label.

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