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Subject: RE: Neonicootinoid Treated Seeds Topic at June 7-8 Full SFIREG Mtg

Good afternoon all,

I've received questions for this session from SFIREG. Apologies for not being able to send these sooner – seems there was a SFIREG internal snafu in sending these to EPA. Given that the neonic treated seeds session will be on June 8th, I don't know that there will be time enough to prepare responses for all questions. I'm also not certain if we've got the complete group of people from OPP (outside of OPP?) needed to process these questions. Please let me know it would be helpful to include others and also to schedule a meeting to discuss these questions and the upcoming session.

SFIREG Questions for EPA:
- These neonicotinoid treated seeds are exempt from FIFRA regulations per 40 CFR 152.25(a) Treated Articles or Substances; what will it take to see the treated article determination changed?
-When does EPA anticipate finalizing the answers to the coated seed petition?
- How is this situation similar/different from regulating persistence as we have seen in grass clippings, mulch, manure, etc...?
- Are we again looking to regulate beyond the user?
- With changes/improvements in seed coating technology is there an increase in residual presence?
---If so, is this being considered by EPA?
- Were/are the seed treatment associations in contact with EPA?
- Regardless of whether they are considered treated articles under FIFRA, are treated seeds regulated under the Federal Seed Act?
- Does the EPA's risk assessments for pesticides used to treat seeds evaluate the potential risks from exposures to the pesticides from the plant or vegetation that grows from the seeds. If not, would EPA consider an evaluation of these potential risks, as they do for runoff, dusting, and consumption of unsown seed?

If possible, having EPA provide a review of the process for the neonicotinoids approved for treating seeds from OPP-EFED as it relates to environmental exposure and pollinators would be beneficial.

Thanks,

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From: ONeill, Sandra
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 11:29 AM
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Greetings all,

You'll have received an invite from me for the June 8th Full SFIREG Meeting. Neonic treated seed issues is included as topic for this meeting with state lead agencies. A description of the requested session is below. I understand there are as many as three neonic petitions in house with different focuses and in different branches. The states are interested to know how the petitions might impact treated seed management and regulation. I gather that petition responses are in the works, though perhaps not near ready to provide comment on.

For this session, it may work well to provide a general overview of the petition without going into what the responses are/may be. One question the states may ask is whether there's a timeline for completing of the responses, and if appropriate, we may want to have a response at the ready. Wondering if the group might have comments on this approach?

Linda graciously offered to list her name for this session, but please let me know if any others should be included as well. If it's helpful, I could also calendar a meeting to discuss this session with this group and any others that should be included. I'll also send a scheduler for your calendars specific to this session.

The session will go from 3:25 – 3:50 PM on June 8.

Neonic Topic at June 8 Full SFIREG meeting:

3:25 pm **Neonicotinoid Treated Seed Issues**

- *State Lead Agencies will discuss Issues with Neonicotinoid Treated Seeds, Topics that have been come up, status of treated seed management and regulation.* [SFIREG Representatives, Linda Arrington, EPA/OPP/PRD]

Thanks in advance for your input and please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Best,

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Will do! Thanks Dana for forwarding to Linda.

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Sandra

Can you send me the invitation. Thanks

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Adding Linda to this email as she's the BC for the treated seeds petition.

From: ONeill, Sandra <ONeill.Sandra@epa.gov>
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Hi Dana, Dee, and Tom

Happy Tuesday, and hope you're all doing well! You'll have received an optional invite from me for today's "Walk-through for the June 7-8 Full SFIREG meeting". Neonic treated seed issues is again included as topic for the June 7-8 Full SFIREG meeting. So that you're aware of the topic, I've highlighted it as listed in the current draft agenda. The session will go from 3:25 – 3:50 PM on June 8. At the April meeting, we learned this is really a broader issue that will likely need engagement with OGC for their review of a petition response. Dana – do you know who I might reach out to get info. on OGC's review of the response?

No additional questions have been provided for this session at this time, expectations for the sessions will be discussed at today's 2 PM walk-through meeting. Apologies for the late invite, you're not expected to be able to attend with such late notice, it's more an FYI in case you're able to (we usually have the meeting set up for the DDs and Deputy DDs in advance, and then we add SMEs as optional once we get the draft agenda).

In summary, no immediate request for today, just an FYI and question for OGC contacts so we're all in the loop and an explanation as to why you've received the meeting invite. Please let me know if anyone may have any questions.

Neonic Topic at June 7-8 Full SFIREG meeting:

3:25 pm **Neonicotinoid Treated Seed Issues**

- *State Lead Agencies will discuss Issues with Neonicotinoid Treated Seeds, Topics that have been come up, status of treated seed management and regulation.* [SFIREG Representatives, EPA OPP, Sandra O'Neill, EPA/OPS/OMS]

Thanks,

Sandra O'Neill

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-----Original Appointment-----
From: ONeill, Sandra
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 4:54 PM
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Subject: Walk-through for the June 7-8 Full SFIREG Mtg
When: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

5/4/21: attached draft agenda

Greetings All,

Please find information on the upcoming "Walk-Through" for the June 7-8 Full SFIREG Mtg. SFIREG is drafting the agenda and it will be attached in advance of the walk-through:

- Purpose: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Chair will give OCSPP/OECA leadership an overview of the agenda topics for the SFIREG meeting taking place on June 7-8, 2021. This meeting will serve as an opportunity for OCSPP and OECA to ask questions regarding meeting expectations.
- Additional information about SFIREG can be found at the following Web address: https://aapco.org/2015/07/30/sfireg-3/
- OPS Contact: Sandra O'Neill, Yvette Hopkins

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