Message

From: ONeill, Sandra [ONeill.Sandra@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/3/2021 5:13:12 PM
To: Friedman, Dana [Friedman.Dana@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Neonic Treated Seeds Topic: 6/8 Full SFIREG Mtg

Hi Dana,

At the neonic treated seeds meeting earlier this week we talked about the three petitions in house. Sounds like the one in Linda's branch is really the most relevant for SFIREG's questions. I wanted to follow-up with you to see if I understand correctly (at the 100,000 foot level) which one is the one you're most familiar with.

My understanding is Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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For convenience, I'm providing SFIREG's questions below, I'm working on EFED to see if they might be able to cover some of these.

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.

Appreciate any info. you may have!
Thanks,

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From: Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:47 AM
To: ONeill, Sandra <ONeill.Sandra@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Neonic Treated Seeds Topic: 6/8 Full SFIREG Mtg

Please go ahead and keep the meeting time – I can send any input I have in advance

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From: ONeill, Sandra <ONeill.Sandra@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:38 AM
To: Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Neonic Treated Seeds Topic: 6/8 Full SFIREG Mtg

Hi Dana,

It looks like 9-10 AM next Tuesday could also work if I convince Linda to reschedule what looks like a recurring weekly meeting to another time. We might lose Angela Huskey (for the full meeting) and Michelle Knorr (only half of the meeting), but I think we'd still have Amber Aranda who Angela mentioned is working on a petition. Thoughts?

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-----Original Appointment-----
From: Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:03 AM
To: ONeill, Sandra
Subject: Tentative: Neonic Treated Seeds Topic: 6/8 Full SFIREG Mtg
When: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

I probably won't be able to make this meeting – this is the time where I'm on call to take care of household duties during telework