Message

From: Bennett, Isabella [Bennett.Isabella@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/30/2019 7:13:36 PM
To: Bohnenblust, Eric [Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov]
CC: Mendelsohn, Mike [Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Request to Add to CMS: Email on Oxitec technology from Phil Goodman
Attachments: Oxitec Inquiry Goodman.docx

Apparently I forgot the attachment.

So sorry about that! Here is the response for review.

-Isabella

From: Bennett, Isabella
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 10:39 AM
To: Bohnenblust, Eric <Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov>
Cc: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request to Add to CMS: Email on Oxitec technology from Phil Goodman

Hi Eric,

Thanks for sending me that chain. Based on what we said in the past here is a draft response for your review.

Thanks!
Isabella

From: Bohnenblust, Eric <Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 9:13 AM
To: Bennett, Isabella <Bennett.Isabella@epa.gov>
Cc: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request to Add to CMS: Email on Oxitec technology from Phil Goodman

Isabella,

I forwarded an email chain about a similar type of inquiry. We didn't say much and I'm not sure we can say much beyond we are still considering and working diligently the action. See what you can find and then if you want to draft something Mike and I will review it.

Thanks.

Eric Bohnenblust, Ph.D
Senior Biologist
Emerging Technologies Branch (ETB)
Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (BPPD)
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From: Bennett, Isabella <Bennett.Isabella@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 10:11 AM
To: Bohnenblust, Eric <Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov>

Cc: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>; Striegel, Wiebke <Striegel.Wiebke@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request to Add to CMS: Email on Oxitec technology from Phil Goodman

Good Morning Eric,

We received an email a few weeks ago from Florida's mosquito control district about Oxitec.

I was wondering if the Oxitec EUP was under a PRIA deadline to be either accepted or denied? Does EPA have an expected timeline for making our decision that I could share with Mr. Goodman? I would like to draft a response, and then I can send it to you for review.

Thanks!
Isabela

From: Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2019 11:29 AM
To: Evans, Elizabeth <Evans.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Subject: Request to Add to CMS: Email on Oxitec technology from Phil Goodman

Hi Liz,

I hope you're enjoying this beautiful telework day ☺! When you get the chance, can you add the email below from Phil Goodman in CMS and assign it? This is a BPPD issue. Thanks much!

Darlene Dinkins
Office of Pesticide Programs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(703) 305-5214

From: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 7:36 PM
To: Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
Cc: McNally, Robert <Mcnally.Robert@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Question on EPA decision timing of the Oxitec technology from Phil Goodman, Chairman of the Florda Keys Mosquito Control DIstrict

Darlene—

Please add to CMS.

Bob/Anne— FYI

Rick Keigwin
Director, Office of Pesticide Programs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: 703-305-7090
Website: www.epa.gov/pesticides
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Phil Goodman <pgoodman@keysmosquito.org>
Date: October 8, 2019 at 7:08:15 PM EDT
To: "keigwin.richard@epa.gov" <keigwin.richard@epa.gov>
Subject: Question on EPA decision timing of the Oxitec technology from Phil Goodman, Chairman of the Florda Keys Mosquito Control DIstrict

Dear Dr. Keigwin:

I know that you and your organization are in the midst of your evaluations that will lead to a decision on the Oxitec 2nd Generation technology. I do not want to interfere with your process but did want to comment on the timing of your decision if there is any flexibility.

In the Florida Keys, we are now approaching the end of our major mosquito season and have not as yet had any locally transmitted diseases caused by our public enemy #1, the Aedes aegypti mosquito. We owe that distinction, if it continues, to the hard and smart work performed by our Mosquito Control District and the always welcomed good luck. That is not the case with our large neighbor just twenty-five miles to our north, Miami-Dade. This year has been a very bad year for mosquito borne diseases in all the Americas and next year may be even worse.

I submitted a lengthy public comment, based on my experience, on the need for new technology, such as the Sterile Insect Technique (file no. 1K3-9cds-a641, which is now posted on your site), so I will not repeat that here. Mosquito season in the Florida Keys is really year round with the high season being between March and November. If the Oxitec project is approved by the EPA for experimental use, we need to begin trials as early as possible next year to make an impact on our season. If approved by all concerned so that trials can begin while the numbers of Aedes aegypti are at their low point, we can more quickly meet our desired threshold level goals and, if we get the results we seek, we can have a better chance to prevent local transmission next year.

For Mosquito Control in the Florida Keys, timing is very important. If there is any way for you to prioritize your evaluation of the Oxitec Technology to reach a decision at the earliest possible time, it could be very beneficial for us.

Thank you for your consideration and best regards,

Phillip L. Goodman

Commissioner, District II and Chairman of the Board

Florida Keys Mosquito Control District