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From: Lara, Rhina [Lara.Rhina@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2021 5:17:22 PM
To: Nesci, Kimberly [Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov]; Aubee, Catherine [Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov]
CC: Leifer, Kerry [Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: REVIEW: Follow up questions re.: PFAS in certain pesticides

Thanks, Kimberly! I'll coordinate with OGC.

From: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>; Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: REVIEW: Follow up questions re.: PFAS in certain pesticides

Nothing additional from me – I just made that note in the file. Thanks.

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: REVIEW: Follow up questions re.: PFAS in certain pesticides

Thanks so much, Catherine! I appreciate all your help.

Best,
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From: Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Cc: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: REVIEW: Follow up questions re.: PFAS in certain pesticides

I responded to the comment. I won't have a chance to look at this again today. Hope this is enough for you to make any necessary clarifications and move it forward. Thanks!

Best,
Catherine
Associate Director
OPP Registration Division
US Environmental Protection Agency

On Apr 27, 2021, at 12:27 PM, Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Catherine and Kimberly,

Erin and Stephanie left comments on the responses to the Bloomberg inquiry. Could you take a quick look? The main issue is the PFAS definition response, which I know is still in the works.

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From: Koch, Erin <Koch.Erin@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Cc: Kaczmarek, Chris <Kaczmarek.Chris@epa.gov>; Schwarz, Stephanie <Schwarz.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: REVIEW: Follow up questions re.: PFAS in certain pesticides
Importance: High

Rhina,

I've added a couple comments/questions that may need to be run by the program. I'm also cc'ing Stephanie Schwarz here, who has been our point person on PFAS for OPPT who may have additional comments. Stephanie -- can you take a quick look?

Erin

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Koch, Erin <Koch.Erin@epa.gov>
Cc: Kaczmarek, Chris <Kaczmarek.Chris@epa.gov>
Subject: REVIEW: Follow up questions re.: PFAS in certain pesticides
Importance: High

Hi Erin,

We have a new press inquiry from Pat Rizzuto at Bloomberg Law. I drafted answers and have run them by BEAD and RD, but would also appreciate your feedback and review.

We have a quick turnaround on this one, so I would appreciate your edits by **2 PM today.**

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Best,

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From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>; Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Follow up questions re.: PFAS in certain pesticides

See new press inquiry from Pat on PFAS in containers.
Deadline Wednesday.

From: Rizzuto, Pat <prizzuto@bloombergindustry.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: Follow up questions re.: PFAS in certain pesticides

I'm still working on the EPA investigating PFAS in certain pesticides story, and I've got some additional questions I hope you can help with. There are mostly from state officials with whom I've spoken:

1) If states have stocks of Anvil 10+10 and/or Permanone 30-30 what should they do with those existing stock?
2) If states have HDPE containers that held either of those pesticides, who should they be disposed of?
3) Will EPA require registrants to take back either existing, unused product OR empty HDPE containers?
4) When Ed Messina told me that the EPA's message is that PFAS shouldn't be in pesticides, was he referring only to the long-chain, known to be problematic compounds such as PFOA and PFOS and to GenX?
5) Does EPA have any new data from its research on Anvil 10+10, Permanone, and/or the containers since I spoke to Ed and Kimberly almost exactly a month ago? Any new guidance to share that's not already on its website: https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/pfas-packaging

Deadline: This isn't a strict deadline yet, but my editor is encouraging me to finish the story this week. So could I hear back from you by mid-day Wednesday?

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