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Sent: 5/7/2021 4:56:49 PM
To: Nesci, Kimberly [Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov]; Goodis, Michael [Goodis.Michael@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: REVIEW: PFAS in mosquito insecticide, Bay Journal Press Inquiry

Whatever works for you.

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To: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>; Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>
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I think we are looped in on the OECD definition conversations – Maybe Jeff, maybe Catherine? I can add that to our Wed am meeting as a topic.

Big picture strategy-wise, do you all want to talk about my thoughts before that meeting? Let me know. Right now, it's boxes, scribbles, and arrows on paper, but I will be turning it into something legible well before the meeting. We can discuss in a general. Coming at it from the angle of "what do we care about."

From: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
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I assumed.

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Had this been cleared by OPPT? Not sure?

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 7:33 AM
To: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: REVIEW: PFAS in mosquito insecticide, Bay Journal Press Inquiry

Thank you for looking at this so quickly! I will run it by OPPT, as well.

Best,
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From: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: REVIEW: PFAS in mosquito insecticide, Bay Journal Press Inquiry

I'm good with this, but it should probably also go to toxics because of the citation to the toxic definition.

Sorry for the delay!

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 4:48 PM
To: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>
Subject: REVIEW: PFAS in mosquito insecticide, Bay Journal Press Inquiry
Importance: High

Hi Kimberly,

This press inquiry got buried in my inbox, so I just saw it! Sorry for the super quick turnaround but could you let me know today/tonight if this answer is okay?

Incoming:
Has EPA tested Permanone and other pesticides, particularly BioMist, for PFAS? I'm told EPA has attributed PFAS found in pesticide in another state to contamination from being stored in a fluorinated HPDE container. Do you have details of that? But I also understand that EPA has authorized use of some PFAS as either inert or active ingredients in pesticides. Is that so, and can you please provide details on which ones and a rationale for doing so?

Response:

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Subject: FW: PFAS in mosquito insecticide

Hi All,

Please see inquiry below. Deadline COB 5/7

From: Tim Wheeler <twheeler@bayjournal.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: PFAS in mosquito insecticide

Hi, Ken -

About six weeks ago, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility reported that a lab analysis had detected high levels of PFAS in Permanone 30-30, a pesticide sprayed to control mosquitoes in more than 2,000 communities across Maryland. PEER said they shared their findings with EPA and with the Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Department of Agriculture. A press release announcing that is linked here.

The state Department of Agriculture, which runs the statewide mosquito control program, now says that out of "an abundance of caution," it has substituted another pesticide, BioMist 30-30, for the Permanone formula.

PEER says its staff spoke with EPA staff, but has received no reply. Has EPA tested Permanone and other pesticides, particularly BioMist, for PFAS? I'm told EPA has attributed PFAS found in pesticide in another state to contamination from being stored in a fluorinated HPDE container. Do you have

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My deadline for this is COB 5/7.

Thanks,

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