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To State Pesticide Safety Education Program and Pesticide Applicator Certification Program Coordinators in the 10 states where Rozol and Kaput-D prairie dog bait are labeled for use to control the black-tailed prairie dog:

The use of anticoagulant rodenticide products including Rozol and Kaput-D prairie dog bait in 10 states to control black-tailed prairie dogs is of concern to the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service (hereafter, "FWS") because of the unintended taking of non-target species, including Federally threatened and/or endangered birds and mammals. FWS outlined their concerns and steps to minimize these concerns, called Reasonable and Prudent Measures (RPMs), in their Biological Opinions dated April 10, 2012 (Rozol Biological Opinion) and December 14, 2012 (Kaput-D Biological Opinion). As outlined in the Biological Opinions, EPA developed specific training on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides for applicators of these products to better inform applicators of the important new use directions, concerns and restrictions related to the protection of non-target organisms.

EPA has developed a PowerPoint presentation that covers the key elements and use restrictions that EPA and FWS felt were critical to ensure that these products are used safely. EPA is distributing the presentation to our state pesticide applicator certification and training partners for use in the upcoming training season. The training presentation is attached and can be used immediately.

EPA is also working with our cooperative agreement partner, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Research Foundation (NASDARF) to develop accompanying training video segments to further enhance the current training materials. The two brief videos being developed will cover details about the transect search method and how to locate and refer to the Endangered Species Bulletins on-line. EPA anticipates that the revised training materials with the additional video segments included will be available in early 2014, and NASDARF will distribute the

new training materials as soon as they are ready for distribution.

Once the video segments have been incorporated, the enhanced presentation materials will also be available on our website at www.epa.gov/espp. Please feel free to contact Melissa Grable at grable.melissa@epa.gov if you have any questions.

Attachments:
The slides for the training are attached in both PowerPoint and PDF format.

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