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EPA Comment Period Open for Dow's Enlist Duo Herbicide

EPA has opened a comment period until May 30, 2014, regarding registration of Enlist Duo which contains glyphosate and the choline salt of 2,4-D. The herbicide will be for use in corn and soybeans that are resistant to these active ingredients.

The comment period is being made available because the choline salt of 2,4-D, which is less prone to drift and volatilization compared to the other forms, is not currently registered for genetically engineered corn and soybean varieties. Glyphosate is already registered for these uses and will have no new use patterns or exposures for this product registration. 2,4-D has been registered for many years in the U.S. and is registered in numerous other countries including Canada, Mexico, Japan, 26 European Union members, and others.

A fact sheet regarding the registration process and comment period is available at:
<http://epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/2-4-d-glyphosate.html>

USDA is still evaluating the comments submitted for the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on 2,4-D tolerant seeds for corn and soybeans. The comment period ended on March 11, 2014, and a final plant pest risk assessment will be issued that determines if the new plants pose a risk to agricultural crops or other plants in the U.S. The assessment will also determine if the seeds will be available for growers to use.

(Source: EPA Pesticide Program Update, 4-30-2014)

Legally-Valid Labels Available on the Web

EPA has announced a voluntary program for registrants to utilize the web to distribute legally-valid pesticide product labels. Previously, labels offered on the web were for informational-purposes only and could not replace the label attached to the pesticide container for application purposes.

The pesticide product registrants will have the option to make the labels accessible online. EPA says the online resources will improve compliance with label instructions and lower costs for the registrants and EPA. Currently, the pesticides will still have the hard-copy labels attached to the container at time of purchase. This labeling will not be shortened in any way with the implementation of the web-based distribution.

More information about the web-based label distribution is available at:
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/labels/distribution/>
(Source: EPA Pesticide Program Update, 4-4-2014)

Pesticide Label Resources for Ohio Registrations

The Ohio Pesticide Safety Education Program website has a page with links for applicators and Extension Educators to find information about pesticide products registered in Ohio. The page is at <http://pested.osu.edu/labelresources.html> and links to databases for Ohio 24c Labels, Section 18 information, Ohio restricted-use products, and products registered for use in the state.

To legally use a pesticide, it must be registered in the state where it's being used. The Ohio Department of Agriculture sends weekly updates to the National Pesticide Retrieval System that is linked on the page. The database is the best source to determine if a product can be used in Ohio. If applicators are purchasing pesticide products over the internet, they should check this database to make sure they can use the product in Ohio. The database can be sorted by product name, company name, active ingredient, and EPA registration number.

Another link on the page is the Ohio Restricted Pesticide Products list. When making recommendations for products, it's helpful to check the list to determine if a product is restricted-use and requires a license for purchase. The list is organized alphabetically by product name.

EPA Responds to Advocacy Groups' Petition

EPA's response to a petition submitted by Earthjustice and Farmworker Justice on behalf of a group of health and environmental organizations has been posted to the web. The response is available as a pdf and can be viewed at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/spray-drift-petition.pdf>

The petition was filed in 2009 and focused on the groups' concerns about pesticide drift potentially causing exposure to children. EPA agreed with the petitioners that the agency should account for exposure to spray drift and volatilization and granted some the requests included in the petition.

These items were included in the methodologies for assessing the risks to bystanders from pesticide drift and volatilization that were released for public comment. Comments for the methodologies were due on March 31.

2015 Commercial Conferences Announced

The Ohio Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Conferences have been announced for 2015. The dates and locations are:

January 22, 2015 – Sandusky, Kalahari Conference Center

January 29, 2015 – Dayton Convention Center

February 18, 2015 – Akron, John S. Knight Center

March 11, 2015 – Columbus Convention Center

The conferences feature Ohio State University Extension state specialists discussing their latest research findings and topics important for professional pesticide applicators. Other speakers include the Ohio Department of Agriculture and industry representatives. The conferences offer commercial applicators the opportunity to complete their required five hours of recertification credit in one day. All 26 commercial pesticide categories are offered during the events. For more information, visit the website at: <http://pested.osu.edu>

Personnel Changes at Ohio PSEP

After eight years with the Ohio Pesticide Safety Education Program, Renée Shetlar is retiring from her position as program assistant. We appreciate Renée's dedication to the program and her important work with our fiscal operations. Thanks!

We welcome Emily Schaefer as a program assistant for Ohio PSEP. Emily recently worked with a geospatial (GIS) company overseeing mapping, data extraction, and GIS technical support. She received her MBA from Ashland University and her B.A. from Denison University in Environmental Studies. Emily will be overseeing the fiscal operations for the program. Emily can be reached at schaefer.322@osu.edu

Upcoming Events

More information about the following events is at: <http://pested.osu.edu>

Pesticide Safety Training – Commercial New Applicators & Trained Servicepersons

May 21, 2014

August 27, 2014

September 24, 2014

Core and Trained Serviceperson trainings are held in the morning, and Categories 8, 5, 2c, and 6c in the afternoon.

Taught at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Wood-Destroying Insect Inspection Training

October 8, 2014 - Mandatory training required for applicators becoming licensed in commercial category 12. Recertification credit is available.

Taught at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Pesticide Training Inservice – OSU Extension Educators

December 16 & 17, 2014 – Ohio 4-H Center, OSU Columbus Campus

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