

**OPP Updates**  
**SFIREG Joint Working Committee Meeting**  
**September 19-20, 2016**

**Malathion**

Mentioned outreach from 9/15.

**Glyphosate**

EPA has scheduled a Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting on October 18-21, 2016 to seek feedback from experts on how to interpret certain cancer data. The SAP has 90 days to provide EPA with a written report. Once EPA has reviewed the report and made any necessary changes in its risk assessment, EPA intends to release all the components of its full human health and ecological risk assessments for a 60-day public comment period.

EPA is currently scheduled to publish its glyphosate risk assessments in spring 2017. Once public comments have been reviewed, EPA intends to publish a Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision that may detail specific risk mitigation measures for glyphosate, if needed. The Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision for glyphosate will be available for another 60-day public comment period. An Interim Registration Review Decision will be issued after public comments are considered.

More information about:

- the glyphosate SAP: <https://www.epa.gov/sap/carcinogenic-potential-glyphosate>
- glyphosate: <https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/glyphosate>

**Experimental Use Permit Issued to Test Innovative Microbial Pesticide Combatting Citrus Greening**

On August 10, 2016, the Biopesticide and Pollution Prevention Division issued an experimental use permit to Southern Gardens Citrus to test *Citrus tristeza* virus (CTV) isolate CTV9R with the spinach defensin proteins (S0D2, SoD7, or SoD8 alone or in various combinations) on 400 acres of citrus for three years. A temporary exemption from the requirement of a tolerance was also promulgated. The EUP uses a virus naturally present in citrus that has been modified to produce antibacterial defensins from spinach to both protect and rescue trees from citrus greening. The microbial pesticide is not sprayed onto the crop, but rather applied via a grafting process with budwood that contains the virus. This EUP involved coordination with USDA since the field tests are also under USDA/APHIS/BRS permits and monitoring requirements. (M. Mendelsohn 703-308-8175)

## **Volatilization Screening Guidance**

In 2014, EPA published guidance for comment on a draft volatilization screening tool. We are completing our response to comments and the revised screening document, incorporating changes based on the comments we received. We will be releasing this revised screening tool soon, along with discussion of the need for additional data during the registration review process for pesticides that fail the screen.

## **Pollinator Information**

We also posted a Spanish translation of pollinator risk assessment guidance. The NAFTA harmonized guidance was a collaborative effort involving EPA staff, as well as staff from Mexico's Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources. This is the first pollinator guidance document translated into Spanish and will not only help strengthen our relationship with our counterparts in Mexico but also with other Spanish speaking countries. The Spanish translated pollinator guidance document is available at: <https://espanol.epa.gov/espanol/guia-para-la-evaluacion-del-riesgo-de-los-polinizadores>.

## **Label Matching Mobile App**

EPA recently began beta testing for the Pesticide Label Matching mobile application. Any parties interested in participating in beta testing can contact Alan Boutureira, a member of the label matching project. You can do so at [LMP@epa.gov](mailto:LMP@epa.gov).

The label matching mobile application, a product of the Pesticides Data Accessibility and Label Matching Project, seeks to modernize and streamline the current manual process for sampling and reviewing pesticide labels for potential violations. The application will give inspectors the ability to instantly compare pesticide product labels against state and federal label databases via their cell phone, tablet or other mobile device. This will dramatically improve inspectors' efficiency, allowing them to inspect more labels. We expect this new tool to improve compliance rates over time.

The label matching application will be open for beta testing through December 31, 2016. After beta testing is complete, the application will be released on the Apple App store for iOS devices and the Google Play store for Android devices. There will also be a Web-based component for access via supported browsers on other devices such as laptops and desktops.

Find more information on the mobile application:

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-labels/mobile-application-pesticide-label-matching>

## Open for Comment

We are working on enhancing the available information about what pesticide actions and documents are available for public comment. We will be posting a Web page that will be updated by EPA staff as items open for comment, to provide a one-stop listing of these items. We are developing a process for staff to submit the items they are working on and hope to launch the page very soon. It may not be a complete listing at first, but should improve over time. Look for a link to this page at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides>.

## Biostimulants/Plant Growth Regulators

EPA has developed guidance for Plant Biostimulant (PBS) products and associated label claims that may be included in, or excluded from regulation under FIFRA. The guidance development process was based on thorough review of:

- Existing EPA-registered Plant Regulator products
- Active ingredients contained in EPA-registered products
- Plant regulator claims on labels of EPA-registered products

The guidance development process was also based on thorough review of Substances Excluded from Regulation by FIFRA [40 CFR 152.6] and FIFRA Section 2(v):

- Vitamin-hormone products
- Plant macronutrient and micronutrient trace elements
- Plant inoculants
- Soil amendments

PBS products and label claims must be compliant with 40 CFR 152.15 Pesticide Products Required to be Registered. Specifically:

- If the substance (i.e., PBS product) contains active ingredient(s) having no other commercially valuable purpose than for use as a pesticide (i.e., plant regulator) [40 CFR 152.15(b)(1)]; and
- If the seller/distributor has actual or constructive knowledge that the substance (i.e. PBS product) will be used, or is intended for use, as a pesticide (i.e., plant regulator) [40 CFR 152.15(c)], then

The product will be considered to be a plant regulator subject to regulation under FIFRA

## Using the New EPA Pesticides Websites

Last fall, EPA completed the bulk of the Web transformation project that accelerated beginning in 2012. The goals of the project included increasing our focus on the audiences who visit our websites and the tasks they are trying to accomplish, as well as to streamline information by moving outdated but still useful material to an online, searchable archive. This plus enhancing the metadata associated with Web pages, has led to improved search results, both using search on the EPA website and via external search engines.

The pesticide program developed 28 websites. These sites cover a wide variety of topics, ranging from pesticide registration to bed bugs. The keystone site is <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides>. If you visit this site, you will find links to all the other pesticide-related sites, plus some related information, organized in several topics:

- About pesticides
- Protecting health and the environment
- Pest control
- Pesticide regulation
- Partners
- Pesticide ingredients and products
- For kids
- Tools

The green box beside the banners provides a few items that have been announced recently, a link to the Pesticide News page, and most likely will include a link to the “Open for Comment” page.

If you start here and spend a bit of time exploring, you will have a good idea of where to find topics you are interested in.

Some features of the new sites:

- Each site has a contact us page that is specific to that site.
- The home page of each site provides a sense of what information is included and how to find it.
- Some sites have a search box that searches only within that collection of Web pages.

If you have questions, find broken links or have comments/suggestions about what you see on our sites, please contact Claire Gesalman ([gesalman.claire@epa.gov](mailto:gesalman.claire@epa.gov)) or 703-308-3260.

