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PESTICIDE REGISTRATION REVIEW DEADLINE: EPA'S STATUS UPDATE AND PLANS FOR REMAINING WORK

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is sharing an update on its progress in meeting the Oct. 1, 2022, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) pesticide registration review deadline for the 726 pesticide cases registered before October 2007. Pesticides without finalized review as of this deadline can remain on the market and be used according to the product label. EPA affirms its aggressive plan to review all remaining pesticide cases and issue decisions to protect humans, endangered species, and the environment, while providing pesticide users with predictability about the legal status of pesticides in registration review.

CLICK HERE for EPA's complete press release.

FARMERS DESERVE NOTIFICATION ACT

The American Soybean Association and other stakeholders have been working with Rep. Baird (R-IN) and Rep. Axne (D-IA) offices on a draft bill

entitled <u>Farmers Deserve Notification Act</u>. They plan to introduce the bill next Thursday, October 5.

The "Farmers Deserve Notification Act" would prevent EPA from cancelling, suspending, or enacting new restrictions without first providing a 270-day (9 month) notification via final agency action in the Federal Register. The purpose of this would be to prevent EPA from springing new restrictions on pesticide users with little-to-no implementation time, as we have seen with a number of recent final/proposed actions. This notification period should give users more time to implement new restrictions/find alternatives. The bill does permit, however, that if EPA believes new restrictions are essential based on new science, the agency can petition the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel to, by a majority vote of the SAP, waive the 270-day notification requirement.

Both offices are interested in getting stakeholder organizations to support the bill. If you'd like to lend support, feel free to reach out to Lauryn Adams (lauryn.adams@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Baird or Sam Ward (sam.ward@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Axne directly. Support from the IN and IA state consulting groups would be ideal.

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