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SUBJECT: September 23, 2009 Meeting with United Industries

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Meeting was requested by United Industries (hereafter, UI) who sent one representative. Six EPA staff attended, including Bill Diamond, Director of OPP's Field and External Division. EPA indicated that the meeting was viewed as a listening session for the Agency and that there would be no substantive discussion of the Agency's on-going assessment of TRFs.

1. Purpose of meeting

- Listen to UI description of their current products and plans for the future to address some of the concerns raised by the NY petition to classify total release foggers (TRFs) for restricted use.

2. Current products

- UI is a major producer of TRFs marketed under various brand names for retailers such as Wal-Mart and Ace Hardware.
- They have one product with a non-flammable propellant, but it is a greenhouse gas and may be restricted for consumer products in the future.
- Most of their current products are in standard 6 ounce units, and use propane-isobutane propellants.
- UI agrees that 6 ounce size treating 6,000 cubic feet may be unnecessarily large for home use.

3. Future plans for marketing TRFs

- UI indicated that they intend to transition to 2 ounce units; this is economical for them and helps address the risks associate with overuse.

4. Other issues discussed

- UI described how they do efficacy testing for roaches. Some shelter for the roaches is provided.
- UI has some products labeled for bedbug control and is interested in developing a new one for that use.
- EPA noted that some parties believe TRFs are not suitable for bedbugs and should have labeling that states that.

Conclusion: EPA noted that the TRF issues evaluation was on-going, but supported the transition to smaller TRF units as a sound idea.