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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of 2,4-D Task Force exposure reduction proposal

FROM: Daniel M. Barolo, Director  
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TO: Addressees listed below

The Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data, by agreement with the Agency, has submitted a proposal for reducing exposure to the herbicide 2,4-D. The 2,4-D Special Review Team, which includes one or more representatives from your staff, has been asked to review the proposal as part of its deliberations on "interim" risk reduction for 2,4-D. The interim risk reduction effort was inaugurated last Fall, with the goal of determining whether current 2,4-D risk information warrants risk reduction action (prior to an Agency carcinogenicity finding or Special Review determination) and what measures might be effective in reducing risk. We are asking that the team use its specialized expertise and the information it has developed so far to evaluate the Task Force proposal, which the Agency will consider in its determination of the appropriateness of product suspension for failure of the Task Force to develop timely animal toxicology data.

We have committed to proceed with suspension if the Task Force has not produced an acceptable proposal by August 1. I hope to respond to the initial Task Force proposal by July 24 with comments on what additional components, if any, need to be included. To expedite negotiations, I need the comments of the Special Review Team as quickly as possible. I am asking your and your staffs' assistance in giving the exposure reduction proposal priority treatment. The Team will meet this Thursday, July 16, to make recommendations on the proposal, and I believe we will need additional assistance at least until the August 1 deadline. I have attached a list of the 2,4-D Special Review Team membership. Details on the Task Force proposal may be obtained from Jill Bloom of my staff (telephone 308-8019). Thank you very much for your support in this important matter.

Attachment

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