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Attachment V

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Memo to File:

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TB was asked to comment on Chevron's proposal to delete swimming restriction from the Ortho Diquat Water Weed Killer labeling.

Krystyna Locke reviewed the proposal, and after discussing the matter with Ed Budd TB concluded that they could not endorse the removal of the restriction without, at least, the following information from Chevron:

1. An indication of diquat levels in water immediately after application at the highest rate; and
2. A rationalization as to why these levels would have no acute toxicological significance.

TB would review Chevron's response. If it does not resolve TB's concerns, then specific testing would be required at various concentrations (possibly including concentrations 100X those expected to result from the highest application rate). TB is concerned primarily with dermal toxicity rather than oral or inhalation hazards. TB would also consider any testing which Chevron may propose to resolve this issue.

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