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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Low Volume/Minor Use Waivers - Follow-up Memo
TO: Anne Barton, Deputy Director
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This is an addendum to my March 12, 1986 memo on the same subject of data waivers. Even though tolerances and food uses exist for certain pesticides, there may be cases in which a combination of factors allows for a reduction in the total toxicological data base needed. Such factors include the following:

1. Available acute, subchronic, teratogenic and mutagenic do not indicate a problem or predict a future problem.
2. Structure activity does not predict a major problem.
3. Residue data on crops shows minimal amounts present with no secondary residues in meat, milk, poultry or eggs.
4. Relevant human experience indicates safety.
5. Exposure to applicators and bystanders is low.

The minimum toxicological data needed prior to a discussion of data waivers for food use pesticides are the following:

1. Acutes
2. Subchronic rat feeding study
3. Subchronic dog feeding study
4. Teratology study in one species
5. Mutagenicity battery

These should be of Core-minimum quality or better.

For non-food use pesticides, the minimum data needed are the following:

1. Acutes
2. Subchronic dermal
3. Teratology study in one species
4. Mutagenicity battery
5. Exposure information

This is consistent with drafts of our "Non-food Use Data Requirements" paper and is tiered based on the outcome of these tests and evaluation of exposure.

I believe that we should require these above mentioned basic tests initially and encourage the submission of actual residue data and, where applicable, processing studies. After all such information are evaluated, it then may be possible to determine if such waivers are reasonable.

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