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Memorandum

Subject: 89-ID-03; Prowl Herbicide (Pendimethalin)  
on alfalfa seed-screenings; No MRID No.; DEB No.  
5113.

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The Idaho Department of Agriculture has requested a Section 18 emergency exemption for pendamethalin residues in or on alfalfa seed-screenings. This request was initiated in response to DEB's recent recommendation against a similar Section 18 request from Oregon (see 89-OR-03, F. Suhre memo dated 1-31-89).

On March 20, 1989, a delegation of alfalfa growers from Idaho and Oregon met with D. Camp, Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, and Jim Tompkins, RD, to discuss this issue. The following morning (3-21-89) J. Tompkins informed F. Suhre, DEB, that the Agency agreed to issue 89-OR-03 and 89-ID-03, provided the Idaho or Oregon alfalfa growers establish a monitoring program to certify that any alfalfa seed-screenings used for livestock feed are free of pendamethalin residues. J. Tompkin informed F. Suhre that no further review activity is required on 89-OR-03 and 9-ID-03.

DEB's Comments

As instructed by RD (personal communication with J. Tompkins 3-21-89), DEB is returning 89-ID-03 to RD without review.

cc:R.F.,S.F.,Circu, Reviewer, Section 18,PMSD/ISB  
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