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Subject: Reduced Risk Decision for Lufenuron Termite Bait Use

Dear Mr. Lotstein,

Thank you for your submission requesting reduced risk status for the termite bait use of the new active ingredient termiticide, lufenuron. On June 26, 2003, the Reduced Risk Committee completed its review of the information in your reduced risk rationale and granted reduced risk candidate status to the above ground and below ground termite bait use. It appears there will be very little exposure to lufenuron in the bait station system you describe, and the Committee viewed favorably your contention that lufenuron will reduce applications of some of the registered liquid formulation alternatives.

The reduced risk status of any chemical is an initial assessment. Should information warrant, the Agency may re-evaluate and possibly revoke your submission's reduced risk candidate status. Also, should the Agency determine at any time that the data base for the chemical is unacceptable or incomplete, the Agency may stop the expedited process for the chemical until adequate data are submitted.

As a result of the decision to designate the termite bait use as reduced risk, the Agency will begin working with its science divisions to schedule the data reviews and risk assessments needed for evaluating this registration action. The Agency has a goal of completing these evaluations in an expeditious manner. Joe Tavano, the product manager for your chemical, will now handle all regulatory issues associated with this application. Joe can be reached at (703) 305-6411.

Thank you for your interest in reduced risk pesticides. If you have any questions regarding the reduced risk pesticide program please feel free to contact Steve Schaible at (703) 308-9362.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel C. Holloman

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