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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Occupational Exposure Resulting From Proposed
Application of Avermectin to Pears (INTRA-0055)

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The Non-Dietary Exposure Branch has received a request from William Dykstra, Toxicology Branch I, to compare the possible exposure to workers from the application of avermectin to pears with exposure estimates previously provided by NDEB. Avermectin would be applied to pears using equipment similar to that used with citrus and at the same maximum application rate. Therefore, the proposed pear use would be similar to the existing citrus registration. Toxicology had previously estimated the MOE's for maternal lethality and developmental toxicity for the citrus use to be 350 and 4650, respectively. NDEB concludes that the exposure estimates for citrus from which the MOE's were derived will be similar for the proposed pear regulation.

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