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Scoping Subgroup of the Drift FACA Workgroup

The scoping subgroup focused on establishing the boundaries of the full workgroup's discussion. The scoping subgroup also identified topics which may fall within those boundaries but did not try to further refine or guide those discussions. Finally, the scoping subgroup was unable to reach agreement on whether a few particular issues should be discussed by the whole workgroup. They bring these topics back to the full workgroup to decide whether they should be included within the workgroup's scope.

Workgroup Members

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General Framework

- The goal of the workgroup should be to minimize both the occurrence and adverse effects of drift,
- The workgroup should not be limited to any one category of applications (agricultural, vector control, residential, etc.),
 - Recognizing that the discussions should be in the context of the type of application at issue and that some pesticide applications use drift as the mechanism of delivery (e.g. mosquito adulticides).
- The workgroup should not be limited to any one form of pesticide application (liquid, solid),
 - Recognizing that fumigants that are applied in a similar manner to other pesticides addressed by this FACA workgroup would also be within the scope of the workgroup (e.g., sprinkler applications of metam sodium).
- While the workgroup should give particular attention to the effect of drift on water quality, it is acknowledged that drift may also affect workers, bystanders, wildlife and the environment,
 - Recognizing that the physics of drift and therefore the controls will likely be the same,
 - Recognizing that some of the approaches for reducing drift to water will generally be effective to reduce exposure of workers, bystanders, wildlife, and the environment,
 - And recognizing that the focus on spray drift and water quality should not produce outcomes that shift the risks to other media.

Topics agreed *should be* a focus of the full workgroup

- Labeling specific to drift mitigation
 - Recognizing that workgroup members may have ideas to improve labels in a manner potentially unrelated to drift (e.g. reorganization of labels as a whole to provide greater overall clarity), drift mitigation should be the primary focus
- Drift mitigation practices
- Identifying the extent of the problem of drift to water.

Topics agreed *should not be* a focus of the full workgroup

- NPDES rule
- Volatilization
 - Recognizing that it is an issue that merits discussion in some other venue.
- Drift across international boundaries
- Misuse
 - Recognizing that labels should be enforceable and attainable to reduce the instances of improper use.

Topics without agreement

- Product Comparisons/Consumer Choice