



May 11, 2004

Ms. Lois Rossi, Director
Registration Division
Office of Pesticide Programs
US Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Ms. Rossi:

I am writing on behalf of the National Barley Growers Association to follow-up on a meeting our organization held with various staff members from the Registration Division on March 9 while we were in Washington, D.C. for our winter board meeting. We greatly appreciated the time that Betty Shackleford and other EPA staff spent with us discussing our barley pesticide registration priorities.

To recap, the following are barley pesticide registration priorities that have been endorsed by the National Barley Growers Association:

Immediate priorities --

- lambda cyhalothrin (Warrior) insecticide – IR-4 submitted a no-data petition for barley in 2003
- deltamethrin stored grain insecticide (replace Storcide)
- tebuconazole (Folicur) fungicide – barley was incorporated into pending wheat petition
- trifloxystrobin (Flint / Stratego) fungicide – IR-4 submitted a petition with Canadian data for barley in 2003

Upcoming priorities – to be submitted by either registrants or IR-4 in 2004-06:

- prothioconazole (Proline/JAU6476) fungicide – Joint Review with PMRA
- zeta-cypermethrin (Mustang) insecticide – IR-4 will begin field residue studies on barley in summer 2004
- diflubenzuron (Dimilin) insecticide – IR-4 began field studies on barley in 2003
- thiamethoxam (Actara) insecticide – IR-4 began field studies in 2001

With respect to the Warrior registration, we requested a report from Ms. Shackleford on the status of the no-data petition that we thought was to be scheduled for review in 2004. This registration is vitally important in the western states, which are experiencing persistent drought conditions and high pest populations. As you are aware, EPA has proposed phasing out the use of disulfoton, based on the availability of Warrior.

Again, we greatly appreciate the accessibility of your staff and your attention to these barley pesticide registration priorities. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact our staff representatives: Kelly Olson (Idaho Barley Commission) at 208-334-2090 or Dale Thorenson (Gordley & Associates) at 202-969-8900.

Sincerely,

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President