



September 14, 2005

Ms. Lois Rossi, Director
Registration Division
Office of Pesticide Programs
US Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Ms. Rossi:

On behalf of the National Barley Growers Association and member states, I wanted to provide an update to your agency and staff on barley pesticide registration priorities. We have made an effort in the past to provide annual updates as well as meet with your staff. Unfortunately our meeting schedules in March and June of this year did not allow us time to schedule a face-to-face meeting with EPA while our board members were in Washington, D.C.

I have asked Dale Thorenson in our Washington, D.C. office (Gordley and Associates) to contact you concerning a meeting/conference call this fall to review barley pesticide registration priorities. We appreciate your support and willingness to meet with commodity representatives on these vitally important crop protection issues.

NBGA Immediate priorities:

- lambda cyhalothrin (Warrior) insecticide – IR-4 submitted a no-data petition for barley in 2003
- prothioconazole (Proline / JAU6476) fungicide – Joint Review with PMRA
- 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 IR-4:

- diflubenzuron (Dimilin) insecticide
- zeta-cypermethrin (Mustang) insecticide
- thiamethoxam (Actara) insecticide

With respect to the Warrior registration, we requested a report in March 2004 on the status of IR-4's no-data petition, which we thought was to be scheduled for review in 2004 but we never received any official reply from EPA. This registration remains critically important in the western states, which are experiencing persistent drought conditions and high pest populations. In the absence of a full registration, western states continue to pursue Section 18 exemptions, which is not an ideal situation for either our producers or the EPA.

Again, we greatly appreciate the accessibility of your staff and your attention to these registration priorities. Dale Thorenson (Gordley & Associates, 202-969-8900) will be calling you to schedule a meeting this fall to discuss these barley pesticide registration priorities.

Sincerely,

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