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Kelly White, CRM  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, DC 20460-0001

Dear Ms. White:

The National Barley Growers Association is writing in support of the re-registration of 4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy acetic acid (MCPA).

Barley growers have relied on MCPA as a crop protection product for years. Not only is MCPA a safe and effective weed herbicide, it is relatively inexpensive. As a result, up to one-third of the 5 million acres planted to barley in the U. S. each year is treated with MCPA. Total estimated annual usage of MCPA is 630,000 pounds.

MCPA controls a spectrum of weeds that is slightly different from those controlled by 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid (2,4-D). Also, MCPA has a history of being less phytotoxic to certain small grains.

The use of MCPA is varied and flexible. MCPA can be used as a single ingredient for selective broadleaf weed control, but it also can be included as part of a tank mix with other herbicides to expand the weed control spectrum offering a cost effective means to control weeds with little potential for resistance.

For these reasons, the NBGA supports the re-registration of MCPA.

Respectfully yours,

*Rob Rynning*

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