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MEMORANDUM

Via E-Mail

DATE: August 1, 2006
TO: Firm Clients and Friends
FROM: Bergeson & Campbell, P.C.
RE: EPA Holds Press Briefing on FQPA Deadline

This afternoon the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a press briefing to announce its accomplishments under the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). Assistant Administrator for the Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances Jim Gulliford and Office of Pesticide Programs Director Jim Jones spoke on behalf of EPA.

FQPA required EPA to complete by **August 3, 2006**, the review and reassessment of the tolerances for all food use pesticides. FQPA also required EPA to assess the aggregate impact of pesticide exposure through food, water, residential pesticide uses, and other non-occupational sources of exposure; use an extra ten-fold children's safety factor in dietary risk assessments, unless available data support a different factor; and consider the cumulative effects on health from exposures to multiple different pesticides that cause the same biological effects in humans. Jones stated that as of **August 3, 2006**, EPA will have completed its review of over 99 percent of the 9,721 of the tolerances subject to review.

During the press briefing, Gulliford announced that EPA will cancel the registration for lindane because EPA determined that its uses are not eligible for reregistration. Jones stated that EPA intends to issue a final rule this week regarding registration review, which will replace EPA's reregistration and tolerance reassessment programs. Under the final rule, EPA intends to review continuously all registered pesticides. When asked about the completion of the cumulative risk assessments, Jones said that yesterday EPA completed the cumulative risk assessment for the organophosphates and that it will be published in the *Federal Register* shortly. More information regarding EPA's FQPA accomplishments is available on the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/laws/fqpa/fqpa_accomplishments.htm.

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We hope this information is helpful. As always, please call if you have any questions.