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MEMORANDUM

Via E-Mail

DATE: October 26, 2005

TO: Firm Clients and Friends

FROM: Bergeson & Campbell, P.C.

RE: Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

On October 20, 2005, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice in the *Federal Register* indicating its intent to renew the Advisory Charter for the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) and soliciting nominations of qualified candidates for appointment to the PPDC.¹

Formally established in 1995 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the PPDC provides advice and recommendations to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) in two areas:

1. Developing practical, protective approaches for addressing pesticide regulatory, policy, program implementation, environmental, technical, economic, and science policy issues; and
2. Reviewing proposed modifications to OPP's current policies and procedures, including the technical and economic feasibility of any proposed regulatory changes to the current process of registering and reregistering pesticides.²

The current charter for the PPDC will expire in November, but EPA intends to renew the charter for another two-year period (November 2005 to November 2007) and appoint members to one- or two-year terms. Members of the PPDC are "selected from among, but are not limited to, the

¹ 70 Fed. Reg. 61129 (Oct. 20, 2005).

² See U.S. EPA Advisory Charter -- Pesticide Product Dialogue Committee, available at <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/cb/ppdc/charter.htm>.



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following sectors: pesticide user, grower and commodity groups; consumer and environmental/public interest groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide industry and trade associations; State, local and Tribal governments; Federal government; academia; the general public; and public health organizations.”³ In appointing members, EPA strives “to maintain balance and diversity of experience and expertise.”⁴

PPDC nominations must be submitted to OPP by **November 7, 2005**, and should include the following information about the nominee:

- Name;
- Occupation;
- Organization;
- Position;
- Address, telephone number, and e-mail address; and
- A brief resume describing the nominee’s background, experience, qualifications, and any other relevant information.

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

³ *Id.*

⁴ 70 Fed. Reg. at 61130.