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**MEMORANDUM**

Via E-Mail

DATE: November 9, 2006  
TO: Firm Clients and Friends  
FROM: Bergeson & Campbell, P.C.  
RE: EPA Office of Pesticide Programs Presentation on Nanotechnology

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Pesticide Programs' (OPP) Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) convened its first discussion on nanotechnology. As you know, the PPDC is an advisory committee that provides feedback to the OPP on pesticide regulatory, policy, and program implementation issues. A copy of the OPP PowerPoint presentation, which was given by Jack Housenger, Associate Director of the Health Effects Division, and Betty Shackelford, Associate Director of the Antimicrobials Division, is appended for your convenience.

Housenger's remarks track closely the written presentation, the majority of which provided an overview of nanotechnology and what the federal government and EPA program offices, most particularly the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, are doing in the nano area. Slides 23-31 are most specific to OPP programmatic issues. In his remarks, Housenger stated that OPP is not aware of any currently registered nanopesticides and, to its knowledge, has yet to receive a Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) registration application for a nanopesticide. Housenger confirmed that OPP has formed a nanotechnology workgroup chaired by himself and Shackelford, and comprised of representatives from the various OPP Divisions and EPA's Office of General Counsel. Housenger encouraged industry and the public to share information and concerns with the workgroup.

Dr. Jennifer Sass, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and member of the PPDC, expressed NRDC's strong and often repeated view that EPA's nanotechnology budget is inadequate. In response to another of Dr. Sass' points, Jim Jones, OPP Director, stressed OPP's desire to be ready for the first nanopesticide registration application, which OPP believes may be coming in the not too distant future.

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

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