



MEMORANDUM

Via E-Mail

DATE: November 11, 2003

TO: Firm Clients and Friends

FROM: Bergeson & Campbell, P.C.

RE: EPA's FY 2004 Work Plan for the Registration of Conventional Pesticides

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently posted its fiscal year (FY) 2004 work plan for the registration of conventional pesticides. The work plan, which is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/opprd001/workplan/>, represents EPA's current list and schedules. EPA states, however, that it "has included room for flexibility in this work plan to ensure a quick response should an emerging public health or environmental issue arise."

EPA identifies 18 new chemical candidates for decision-making during FY 2004. From these 18 candidates, EPA anticipates making 12 registration decisions. Five of these chemicals have 15 associated uses classified as "reduced-risk," two of these chemicals have 19 associated uses classified as organophosphate alternatives, and three of these chemicals have seven associated uses classified as methyl bromide alternatives. EPA states:

The work plan includes more candidates than anticipated actual decisions. It serves as a candidate pool for achieving the registration program's regulatory goals for the fiscal year and has historically included more decision candidates than anticipated completions to ensure that the Agency's regulatory goals are met.

The new chemical registration candidates are available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/opprd001/workplan/newchem.html>.

EPA identifies a candidate pool of inert (other) ingredients for decision-making during FY 2004. According to EPA, it will complete ten to twelve of these actions this year. EPA notes that polymeric chemical substances are not included in this candidate pool, and are counted separately. EPA states: "Polymer actions will be completed within 90 days of the



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publication of the Notice of Filing.” The food-use inert registration candidates are available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/opprd001/workplan/inerts.htm>.

EPA identifies approximately 370 potential new uses for 52 already-registered chemicals. According to EPA, it anticipates issuing 230 new use decisions from these candidates. Fifty-eight of the new uses are classified as “reduced-risk” uses, and 68 are classified as organophosphate alternatives. Five of the new uses are classified as methyl bromide alternatives. EPA states: “As opportunities arise during the course of the fiscal year, additional new use candidates may be added to this list for decision-making. Any additions to this list will be subjected to the prioritization criteria outlined in Pesticide Registration Notice 97-2 and 98-7.” According to EPA, the candidates identified serve as a candidate pool for achieving the registration program’s regulatory goals for the FY. The new use candidates for already-registered chemicals are available at <http://www.epa.gov/opprd001/workplan/newuse.htm>.

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