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TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: PESTICIDE-TREATED SEED PUBLIC WORKSHOP 2021

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is holding a virtual Pesticide-Treated Seed Public Workshop on November 15, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PST through Zoom. The objectives of this workshop are to articulate current regulatory framework surrounding pesticide-treated seeds, characterize potential for off-site movement of seed coatings, and gather additional information on current use and potential impacts of pesticide-treated seeds. The information gathered as a part of this workshop will inform future actions by DPR. Attached is a copy of the agenda.

BACKGROUND

Pesticide-treated seeds are exempted from review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as “treated articles”. To the extent that a seed is treated to protect the seed, the seed does not fall under the state definition of “pesticide” and is excluded from review by DPR. Seed treatment products must be registered by U.S. EPA and DPR when the coating process is conducted in California. However, there is limited information on which commodities utilize treated seeds, which active ingredients are used for each commodity, and the extent to which treated seeds are used in California.

ZOOM DETAILS

Individuals who intend to view the workshop should join via Zoom with the following meeting login and password:

Meeting ID: 840 4675 6946

Passcode: 776223

Direct link to join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

<<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84046756946?pwd=WjFmT0xicFVaQUUpJL2ZlEJuSmhmZz09>>

Or telephone number to join (enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted):

888-475-4499 US Toll-free

877-853-5257 US Toll-free

The workshop facilitator may solicit questions, comments, and suggestions, and may impose time limits based on the time available and the number of people providing feedback.

If you require reasonable accommodation or language assistance to participate in this meeting, please notify us at least ten business days prior to the meeting date.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Jennifer Teerlink at <Jennifer.Teerlink@cdpr.ca.gov> or by telephone at 916-445-3195.

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cc: Dr. Jennifer Teerlink, Environmental Program Manager I, DPR

DPR SEED TREATMENT PUBLIC WORKSHOP 2021

Agenda

November 15, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PST

1. Introduction and Overview – Jennifer Teerlink
2. Current Regulatory Framework for Treated Seeds – Bryan George
3. What We Know About Treated Seeds Planted in California – Anson Main
4. Environmental Overview of Offsite Transport of Treated Seeds – Anson Main
5. Meeting Wrap-Up and Overview of Key Questions for Stakeholders – Jennifer Teerlink
6. Public Comment