

Memorandum

To: Tobi Jones, Chairperson
Pesticide Registration and
Evaluation Committee

Date: February 19, 1988


Place :

From : Department of Food and Agriculture

Subject: Director's Response Concerning Prometon Pursuant to AB 2021

Attached is a public notice of decision serving as my response to the findings and recommendations of the subcommittee concerning ground water detections of prometon. My response has been made in accordance with all authorities and requirements stipulated in the process of review for these detections. The Subcommittee's findings and recommendations were transmitted to me on January 25, 1988. Therefore, this response has been made within the 30 days statutory deadline.

I thank you and all the members of the Subcommittee for carrying out this difficult task.


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Attachment

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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

POST UNTIL
MARCH 18, 1988NOTICE OF DECISION CONCERNING THE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE
TO THE PREC SUBCOMMITTEE FINDING MADE PURSUANT TO THE
PESTICIDE CONTAMINATION PREVENTION ACT REGARDING THE
DETECTION OF PROMETON IN GROUND WATER


Section 13150 of the Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act (Article 15, Chapter 2, Division 7 of the Food and Agricultural Code) requires the Director of the Department of Food and Agriculture to respond to the finding of the Pesticide Registration and Evaluation Committee (PREC) Subcommittee within 30 days of the PREC Subcommittee finding issuance. The finding and recommendations of the PREC Subcommittee, entitled "Implementation of the Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act, Prometon: Findings and Recommendations" were transmitted to the Department on January 25, 1988.

After reviewing the finding and recommendations of the PREC Subcommittee, the Director concurs with the finding made pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 13150, namely that "the agricultural use of the economic poison can be modified so that there is a high probability that the economic poison would not pollute the ground waters of the state." No undue hardship to California's agricultural industry should occur as a result of these modifications because prometon is registered only for non-crop agricultural uses.

Department Action

- A. The Department will list prometon as a restricted material which is exempted from permit requirements statewide except in Pesticide Management Zones.
- B. The Department will eliminate all agricultural use of prometon in Pesticide Management Zones. Agricultural use is defined in Food and Agricultural Code, Section 11408.
- C. The Department will eliminate the use of prometon in all recharge areas which are managed for weed control throughout the state after the State Water Resources Control Board develops an adequate definition of those areas including generally recognized geographic coordinates. These Board definitions will be reviewed and incorporated into the regulatory program upon approval by the Department.
- D. The Department will continue to study methods of minimizing pesticide movement through soils to ground water and will monitor to identify candidate Pesticide Management Zones. It will also coordinate that monitoring with other agencies that conduct similar studies, especially the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Health Services.

The Department will adopt regulations, where necessary, to implement the actions described in this document. During the development of these regulations, the rationale behind each of the actions will be fully explained and ample opportunity for comment will be provided.



Jack C. Parnell
Director

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