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SUBJECT: Charge to the NPDES/Pesticides Work Group

In our continued efforts to protect the aquatic environment, the Office of Water and the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances will coordinate a process to examine ways to further integrate and create greater efficiencies between the two programs in the area of the Clean Water Act's NPDES permit program and pesticide registration.

In order to complete this charge, we are asking the working group to select several representative pesticides, including at least one mosquitocide, and compare the risk management/risk mitigation measures that have been adopted as a result of the FIFRA label relative to actions that would be required as a result of an NPDES permit. To the extent possible, comparable data sets should be used for both the FIFRA analyses as well as the NPDES analyses.

Please identify any recommendations that could be made under either FIFRA/FQPA or CWA that would assist in better coordination, integration and increased efficiencies between the programs and continued protection of the aquatic environment. For example, these could include modifications that could be made in the pesticide registration process or changes in the approach to risk management under the CWA and/or FIFRA. Please provide recommendations and any additional information from the case studies to us.

We would like the group to report back to us in one month with interim findings and a schedule for completing the study and final recommendations.

Please let us know if you need any clarification about the direction that this effort should take.

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