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Subject: Amended Request for Recommendations for State Groundwater Quality Standards

Dear Ms. Tran:


This letter amends our previous correspondence dated February 18th requesting that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommend groundwater quality enforcement standards for several pesticide substances.

After careful consideration, it has come to our attention that detections of Metalaxyl in groundwater, as reported by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, may also be associated with Metalaxyl-M, which is an active ingredient in several products registered for use in Wisconsin.

In light of this, we are adding Metalaxyl-M to the list of pesticide substances previously submitted. An updated list of pesticide substances for which we are requesting recommendations on groundwater quality enforcement standards is included in Attachment 1 of this letter.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1

List with categorization and ranking of 22 pesticide substances of public health concern.

Substance	CAS RN¹	Category²	Rank
Boscalid	188425-85-6	II	Medium
Chlorantraniliprole	500008-45-7	II	Medium
Chlorothalonil	1897-45-6	II	High
4-hydroxy-2,5,6-trichloroisophthalonitrile (metabolite of chlorothalonil)	28343-61-5	II	High
Clothianidin	210880-92-5	II	Medium
Cyantraniliprole	736994-63-1	II	Medium
Dimethenamid ethane sulfonic acid (ESA)	205939-58-8	II	High
Dimethenamid oxanilic acid (OA or OXA)	380412-59-9	II	High
Dinotefuran	165252-70-0	II	Medium
Fomesafen	72178-02-0	II	Medium
Glyphosate	1071-83-6	II	High
Hydroxyatrazine	2163-68-0	II	High
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	II	High
Isoxaflutole	141112-29-0	II	High
Isoxaflutole diketonitrile (DKN)	143701-75-1	II	High
Metalaxyl Metalaxyl-M ³	57837-19-1 70630-17-0	II	Medium
Metribuzin desamino (DA)	35045-02-4	II	High
Metribuzin desaminodiketo (DADK)	52236-30-3	II	High
Sulfentrazone	122836-35-5	II	Medium
Sulfentrazone 3-Carboxylic Acid	134391-01-8	II	High
Thiamethoxam	153719-23-4	II	High

¹ CAS RN – Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number (RN).

² *Category I* – substance has been detected in groundwater in concentrations exceeding a federal number.

Category II – substance has been detected in groundwater in concentrations not exceeding a federal number, or the substance has been detected in groundwater but no federal number has been established.

Category III – substance has a reasonable probability of being detected in groundwater and is of public health or welfare concern.

³ Also known as Mefenoxam.