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Information courtesy of Thomas Kaczoroski, Emergency Exemption Coordinator for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Pesticide Control Program(NJDEP PCP):

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**Action:** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Pesticide Control Program has issued a crisis exemption for the use of S-Metolachlor (Dual Magnum, EPA Registration Number 100-816) for **weed control** (yellow nutsedge and nightshade species) on tomatoes. This crisis exemption covers the time period June 3, 2002 to December 1, 2002.

Please email or call with your fax number if you wish a copy of the crisis exemption letter sent to EPA by the NJDEP PCP to be faxed to you.

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**Background on Crisis Exemptions:** If a need is immediate, a state agency (*the NJDEP in the case of New Jersey*) may issue a crisis exemption which allows the unregistered use. The state notifies EPA of this action prior to issuing the crisis, and EPA performs a cursory review of the use to ensure there are no concerns. If concerns are noted, EPA confers with the state, and under extreme cases may not allow a crisis to be declared. If the state follows up the crisis with, or has already submitted, an emergency exemption request, the use may continue under the crisis until the EPA has made a decision on the request. If the state does not also submit an emergency exemption request, EPA must still establish the appropriate tolerance(s) for the crisis use. *Amended from source:* <http://www.epa.gov/opprd001/section18/#crisis>; accessed 6/11/02.

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