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Subject: EPA Request for Comment on NRDC Tolerance Objections

Comments Sought:

On February 25, 2002, March 19, 2002, and May 7, 2002, the Natural Resources Defense Council (**NRDC**) filed **objections with EPA** regarding final rules establishing **tolerances** under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a, for the following pesticides on the crops noted:

- 2,4-D (soybeans),
- halosulfuron methyl (melons, asparagus),
- pymetrozine (cotton, undelinted seed; cotton gin byproducts; fruiting vegetables; head and stem Brassica vegetables; cucurbit vegetables; leafy vegetables; leafy Brassica and turnip greens; hops, dried; and pecans),
- imidacloprid (blueberries),
- mepiquat (cottonseed; cotton, gin byproducts; meat byproducts of cattle, goats, hogs, horses, and sheep),
- bifenazate (apple, wet pomace; cotton, undelinted seed; cotton, gin byproducts, pome fruit group; grapes; grapes, raisins; hops, dried cones; nectarines; peaches; plums; strawberries; and milk, fat, meat, and meat byproducts of cattle, goats, horses, hogs, and sheep),
- zeta-cypermethrin (succulent, shelled peas and beans; dried, shelled peas and beans, except soybeans; soybean, seed; fruiting vegetables, except cucurbits; sorghum, grain, forage, stover; wheat, grain, forage, hay, straw; aspirated grain fractions; meat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses, sheep),
- diflubenzuron (pears).

NRDC's objections concern a number of issues under section 408 of the FFDCA including the additional 10X safety factor for the protection of infants and children and aggregate exposure to pesticide chemical residues. EPA is seeking comment on the NRDC objections.

Please contact me if you would like me to forward the Federal Register Notice on this to you. Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0057, must be received on or before August 19, 2002.

Thank you.

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