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Subject: Tolerance reassessments for difenzoquat, diquat dibromide, fenbutatin-oxide, and norflurazon

Comments Sought:**Tolerance Reassessment Decisions Issued for Four Pesticides**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed existing tolerances for **difenzoquat, diquat dibromide, fenbutatin-oxide, and norflurazon**, and considers the 166 associated tolerances reassessed as having **met the safety standard** under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). Public comment is invited on these decisions for 30 days. The Agency's Reports on FQPA Tolerance Reassessment Progress and Risk Management Decisions (or TREDs) for norflurazon and fenbutatin-oxide were announced in the June 11, 2002, Federal Register; comments must be received on or before July 11, 2002. TRED documents for difenzoquat and diquat dibromide were announced in the June 12, 2002, Federal Register; **comments on these documents must be received on or before July 12, 2002.**

EPA had completed Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for these four pesticides in the mid-1990s, prior to enactment of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. The Agency must review tolerances and tolerance exemptions that were in effect when FQPA was enacted to ensure that these existing pesticide residue limits for food and feed commodities meet the safety standard brought about by the new law.

The pesticide reregistration program is being conducted under Congressionally-mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes both the need to make timely decisions and to involve the public. The Agency, therefore, is issuing these TREDs as final decision documents because no risk mitigation or changes to existing labeling are necessary. If, however, any comment causes EPA to revise its tolerance reassessment decision, the Agency will publish a notice of amendment in the Federal Register.

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Please contact me if you would like me to forward the Federal Register notices for any of these four pesticides.

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