



Department of Pesticide Regulation



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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF METHYL PARATHION MITIGATION

The Methyl Parathion Mitigation memorandum (Sanders 2012) from the Worker Health and Safety Branch (WHS), dated April 24, 2012, describes our findings in regards to the need for mitigation of methyl parathion exposures. The Methyl Parathion Risk Characterization Document addendum identified occupational exposures, application site exposures for bystanders, aggregate exposures for the general public, and aggregate exposures for workers that exceeded levels of concern (Koshlukova 2010). In addition, methyl parathion was declared a Toxic Air Contaminant because application site exposures for bystanders exceeded levels of concern (Helliker 1999).

From 1992 to 2011, (the most recent year data were available), the last methyl parathion-related illness or injury case occurred in 2009 (DPR 2014a). In December 2012, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) cancelled all methyl parathion registrations. U.S. EPA also prohibited the sale and distribution of methyl parathion products and use of existing stocks after December 31, 2013 (U.S. EPA 2011a). In addition, the remaining residues tolerances for methyl parathion expired on December 31, 2013 (U.S. EPA 2011b). According to the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) Food Safety Residue Program database, from 2009 to 2013, there were no residue detections for methyl parathion (DPR 2014b).

Given U.S. EPA's cancellation of all registrations and revocation of all tolerances, lack of residue detections, and lack of recent reports of methyl parathion-related illness, WHS finds that there is no need for further mitigation action for methyl parathion. Your approval of this conclusion is requested.

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APPROVAL

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