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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Authorization to extend the public comment period for the Paraquat Dichloride Proposed Interim Decision by 20 days

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This memorandum authorizes a 20-day extension of the comment period on the proposed interim registration review decision for paraquat, which is currently available for public comment in the registration review docket for this case. The documents are accessible at <https://www.regulations.gov>; the docket ID number is EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0855.

On October 23, 2020, a Federal Register Notice was published announcing the availability and opening of a 60-day public comment period on the proposed interim registration review decision and supporting documents for paraquat, as part of the registration review process required under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. The deadline for submitting comments on these documents was announced as December 22, 2020, which was 60 days from the date that the Federal Register Notice published. On November 23, 2020, EPA received a request from the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA), as well as several other agricultural associations, to extend the comment period for an additional 90 days. The requestors stated that the extension would allow them to gather additional data from stakeholders in crop production, land-grant research, and industry about prevalent application practices, as well as data on the aerial application of paraquat.

After consideration of these requests, EPA is extending the comment period for the paraquat proposed interim registration review decision by 20 days. The original closing date was December 22, 2020. The new closing date for the paraquat public comment period is January 11, 2020. The paraquat case, docket numbers and contact information are listed below.

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Docket ID Number	Chemical Review Manager and Contact Information
Paraquat Dichloride Case 0262	EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0855	Ana Pinto pinto.ana@epa.gov

Commenters should identify the docket ID for paraquat and submit the comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information or other information for which disclosure is restricted by statute. Please be aware that the Agency is currently not accepting paper submissions because of COVID-19.

Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket are available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.