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AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Authorization to extend the public comment period for the Aluminum Phosphide, Magnesium Phosphide, and Phosphine Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision by 30 days

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This memorandum authorizes a 30-day extension of the comment period on the proposed interim registration review decision for aluminum phosphide, magnesium phosphide, and phosphine, 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-2013-0081.

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 aluminum phosphide, magnesium phosphide, and phosphine, 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 19, 2020, EPA received a request from the Phosphine Producers Association to extend the comment period for an additional 60 days. The requestors stated that the extension was necessary because both the proposed interim decision and draft risk assessment for these registration review cases were released at the same time. As a result, the requestors needed more time to prepare public comments in response to these documents. In addition, the extension would allow time to request, receive, and review the PERFUM model runs that informed the Agency's proposed buffer zone requirements.

After consideration of the request, EPA is extending the comment period for the Aluminum Phosphide, Magnesium Phosphide, and Phosphine Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision by 30 days. The original closing date was December 22, 2020. The new closing date for the aluminum phosphide, magnesium phosphide, and phosphine public comment period is January 21, 2021. The aluminum phosphide, magnesium phosphide, and phosphine case and docket numbers and contact information are listed below.

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Docket ID Number	Chemical Review Manager and Contact Information
Aluminum Phosphide Case 0025	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0081	Jonathan Williams williams.jonathanr@epa.gov
Magnesium Phosphide Case 0645		
Phosphine Case 7608		

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>.