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Office of Pesticide Programs (7504P)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Room S-4900, One Potomac Yard
2777 South Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202-4501

**Attention: Ms. Elissa Reaves, Acting Director
Pesticide Re-evaluation Division**

**Subject: Request to Temporarily Suspend the Atrazine Ecological Monitoring
Program for 2020 Due to the Unanticipated Impact of COVID-19**

Dear Ms. Reaves,

Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC currently conducts an Atrazine Ecological Monitoring Program (AEMP), as required by the Atrazine Generic and Product Specific Data Call-In Notice dated March 17, 2004 and the Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Agan Chemical Manufacturing, Dow AgroSciences, Drexel Chemical, Oxon Italia S.P.A. and Syngenta Crop Protection Concerning the Registration of Pesticide Products Containing Atrazine. Due to unanticipated COVID-19 related state, city and county travel restrictions, there are significant challenges with conducting AEMP for 2020.

In order to conduct monitoring at each site, someone must visit the site for annual set-up and maintenance in order to begin sampling. Following set-up and maintenance, sampling teams need to visit each site weekly to collect water samples and ship them to the analytical lab. Currently multiple states, cities and counties have COVID-19 related executive shelter-in-place orders which challenge the ability to travel for these site visits.

Given these restrictions, it is challenging to access some of the AEMP monitoring sites. It is also unclear if there will be staff available and allowed to travel to the monitoring sites to set-up equipment, perform required maintenance and collect water samples for the full season. Additionally, it is unclear if staff will be available in the lab to conduct water sample analysis for the full season.

Considering these significant, unique, and evolving challenges, Syngenta herein requests a suspension of AEMP for 2020 with full intentions to resume the monitoring program in 2021.

Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this request.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Cheryl Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cherilyn Moore
Regulatory Product Manager, Herbicides
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