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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Authorization to extend the public comment periods for the Thiram, Ferbam, and Ziram Draft Risk Assessments by 15 days

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This memorandum authorizes a 15-day extension of the comment periods on the draft risk assessments for thiram, ferbam, and ziram which are currently available for public comment in the registration review dockets for all three cases. The documents are accessible at <https://www.regulations.gov>; the docket ID numbers, listed respectively, are EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0433, EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0567, and EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0568.

On November 11 2020, a Federal Register Notice was published announcing the availability and opening of a 60-day public comment period on the draft risk assessments and supporting documents for thiram, ferbam, and ziram, 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 January 4, 2021, which was 60 days from the date that the Federal Register Notice published. On November 30, 2020, EPA received a request from the Thiram Task Force and the Ziram Task Force both comprised of Taminco US LLC (Eastman) and United Phosphorus Force to extend the comment period for an additional 45 days. The requestors stated that the extension would allow them more time to review the draft risk assessments and provide a detailed response.

After consideration of these requests, EPA is extending the comment periods for the thiram, ferbam, and ziram draft risk assessments by 15 days. The original closing date was January 4, 2021. The new closing date for the thiram, ferbam, and ziram public comment period is January 19, 2021. The thiram, ferbam, and ziram cases, docket numbers and contact information are listed below.

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Docket ID Number	Chemical Review Manager and Contact Information
Thiram Case 0122	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0433	Jaclyn Pyne pyne.jaclyn@epa.gov
Ferbam Case 8000	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0567	Jaclyn Pyne pyne.jaclyn@epa.gov
Ziram Case 8001	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0568	Jaclyn Pyne pyne.jaclyn@epa.gov

Commenters should identify the docket IDs for thiram, ferbam, and ziram 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>.