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Sent: 5/23/2018 4:31:00 PM
To: Curt Peterson [REDACTED] **Ex. 6**
CC: Press [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b293283291dc44e0b5d1c36be9281d8a-Press]
Subject: RE: Subject: HERBICIDE SPRAYING QUESTION FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Curt, on background, please:

1. Did EPA "clear" Garlon 4 Ultra for general use as an herbicide for clearing rights-of-way in residential/agricultural areas?

Response:

Yes, we have registered Garlon 4 Ultra specialty herbicide for rights-of-way and non-crop areas. Please see the full list of EPA-registered sites for Garlon 4 Ultra Specialty Herbicide under the "Site" tab.

2. Did EPA rely on scientific evidence provided by independent sources in their evaluation? (Dow's own safety data sheet is pretty condemning)

Response:

When evaluating any application for product registration, EPA assesses a wide variety of potential human health and environmental effects associated with use of the product. A company that wants to produce the pesticide must provide data from studies that comply with our testing guidelines. Our risk assessments evaluate the potential for:

- Harm to humans, wildlife, fish, and plants, including endangered species and other non-target organisms.
- Contamination of surface water or ground water from leaching, runoff, and spray drift.

The active ingredient in Garlon 4 Ultra Special Herbicide is triclopyr. Triclopyr was first registered in 2005 and is currently undergoing registration review to assess any changes that have occurred since the last registration decision to determine whether the pesticide still satisfies the statutory standard for registration.

3. Do you have any comments regarding the use of Garlon 4 Ultra as described in question 1?

Response:

Please see the Garlon 4 Ultra label for full details about this product and directions for use. Pesticide product labels provide critical information about how to safely and legally handle and use pesticide products.

Cheers, R.

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From: Curt Peterson [REDACTED] **Ex. 6**
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 10:03 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Subject: HERBICIDE SPRAYING QUESTION FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Getting close. Are we going to make it?

On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 4:38 PM, Curt Peterson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Gracias.

On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 3:48 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Still working on it. I'll keep an eye out so we can get you something tonight.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018

To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Subject: HERBICIDE SPRAYING QUESTION FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

How are we doing?

On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 9:38 AM, Curt Peterson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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You are correct - I did file the story
- the editorial staff decided EPA
input was important enough to
hold it and add what you guys have
to say.

My deadline is 12 tonight. Thanks.

On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 9:13 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Curt. We're happy to look into this for you. What's your firm deadline? I'm asking because I thought I remembered you telling me (over the phone, if I recall correctly) you'd filed your story. Apologies if I misunderstood.

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From: Curt Peterson [**Ex. 6**]

Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 9:05 AM

To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Subject: HERBICIDE SPRAYING QUESTION FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Hi, Rob-

Thanks for getting back to me.

The controversy is growing here, as the date for herbicide treatment by GMP gets nearer. We held the story to get your input - everyone we talked to uses EPA as the "source" for clearance of these chemicals near livestock, human habitation, wildlife and non-target plants.

Please use the original questions and finish your report. That will be great.

Curt

On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 9:00 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Hullo Curt,

We'd been preparing a response for you, but we weren't able to meet your deadline, which is why we never sent a response. Do you have a link to your most recent story on herbicides? And can you tell us how your latest question would built on same? Just curious whether you could still use the responses we've been working on, or what else we could tell you.

Let me know about the above, as well as your deadline.

Cheers, R.

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From: Curt C. Peterson

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Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 8:40 PM

To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Subject: HERBICIDE SPRAYING QUESTION FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

OK

On May 21, 2018, at 8:10 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Pete, let's talk tomorrow (Tuesday) if OK.

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On May 21, 2018, at 5:02 PM, Curt Peterson <Ex. 6> wrote:

Hi,

This is getting to be my
life's challenge.

Green Mountain Power
is unresponsive.

The Vermont Agency of
Agriculture is
unresponsive.

Can you refer me to
someone at EPA who will
discuss how chemical
herbicides get
"clearance" for us near
livestock and human
habitation?

Thanks.

Curt Peterson

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On Wed, May 16, 2018 at 9:14 AM, Daguillard, Robert
<Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Peterson,

Do you still need our response? When's the very latest we can get back to you?

Cheers, R.

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From: Curt Peterson

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Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 1:24 PM

To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Subject: HERBICIDE SPRAYING QUESTION FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Thanks for your reply,
Mr. Daguillard.

My deadline is end of
day today.

Simple questions:

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4 Ultra for general use as
an herbicide for clearing
rights-of-way in
residential/agricultural
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3. Do you have any comments regarding the use of Garlon 4 Ultra as described in question 1?

Thanks.

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On Tue, May 15, 2018 at 12:58 PM, Daguillard, Robert
<Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Peterson, my colleagues from EPA's Boston office forwarded me your inquiry. Thanks for reaching out. What's your deadline and what are your specific questions for EPA, please?

Cheers, R.

From: Curt Peterson; **Ex. 6**
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>
Subject: HERBICIDE SPRAYING QUESTION FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Hi,

I'm a journalist for The Vermont Standard newspaper in Woodstock VT.

There is quite a flap in our area about Green Mountain Power's proposal to spray Garlon 4 Ultra, and Polaris herbicides to control power distribution rights-of-way in our region.

GMP is offering the public the right to "opt out" of the spraying regime.

However, they are not providing much information about the chemicals they intend to use.

So, we've done some research. It's pretty damning, both in the herbicide's harmful effects on humans, fish, animals and non-target plants, but also on water resources, and their persistency (toxic residue from one single application detected after eight years).

We have spoken to GMP, who use as their defense the alleged clearance of these herbicides as "safe for intended use" by both the EPA and the VT Agency of Agriculture.

Not so strangely, we have been unable to get a response from the VT AoA. I'm hoping to have a more responsible reply from the EPA.

We could center my inquiry around the fact that the entire EU has banned use of Garlon 4 Ultra, yet it has received "clearance" from our own government.

Thank you for getting back to me.

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